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POWER STATION TO CLOSE DOWN

Report by Simon Penfold

RUGELEY Power Station could be gone in less than a decade under new government plans, resulting in the loss of up to 170 jobs.

All polluting coal-fired power stations will be closed by 2025, the Government has announced.

The move makes the UK the first major country to end use of the fossil fuel. Rugeley has had a coal-fired power station since 1960. The original Rugeley A station closed in 1996 but Rugeley B, completed in 1970, has continued, generating 1,000 megawatts – enough electricity for about amillion people.

The station uses three million tons of coal a year, putting it in the firing line for the Government's drive to phase out coal and switch to gas. The announcement will be a bitter blow for the workforce at the 372-acre site.

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Two years ago the power station's owner, French energy group GDF Suez, scrapped plans to convert Rugeley to a biomass energy generator. That scheme would have given the station – Rugeley's biggest employer after the Amazon warehouse – a long-term future. A power station spokesman said the news was 'not unexpected', adding: "We continue to review the position of Rugeley Power Station in light of all new market developments."

The Government is insisting it will be 'imperative' to build new gas-fired power stations in the next 10 years as it turns the emphasis on to new gas and nuclear power plants to cut emissions and ensure energy security. Energy Secretary Amber Rudd said: "It cannot be satisfactory for an advanced economy like the UK to be relying on polluting, carbon-intensive 50-year-old coal-fired power stations."

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Rugeley Power Station, the town's biggest employer after the Amazon warehouse, could be gone in less than a decade

CRIME

High-powered tools stolen from vehicles

THIEVES made off with high-powered tools after breaking into a number of vehicles in Cannock and Norton Canes. Police are appealing for help in finding the culprits.

The thieves targeted vehicles parked on driveways in Church Road, Norton Canes; Norton Green Lane, Norton Green; Waters Edge Close, Churchbridge; and Grove Close, Cannock. Expensive professional tools were snatched in each case.

Three of the vehicles were vans, while the fourth was an estate car. The thefts happened between 6pm on Saturday and 7.30am on Monday. Call the police on 101.

EXHIBITION

Empty shop unit to host art display

NORTON Canes Watercolour Club have hired from the council one of the empty shop units in Cannock town centre for an exhibition this weekend.

The display will be at No 1 Market Hall Precinct, opposite the coffee shop, tomorrow and Saturday, 9am to 4pm.

It follows a successful first exhibition in August this year. Media secretary Maureen Garbett said the display will see members exhibit original paintings in watercolour, acrylic and pastel, as well as prints of the pictures on cards.

COUNCIL

Park for free in the run-up to big day

THERE will be free parking in Cannock and Rugeley in the run-up to Christmas.

Car park charges in both towns will be waived on December 12 and December 19. It is hoped that the move will attract more people to town centre shops on what are expected to be the busiest shopping days of the year.

It is part of a council campaign to encourage residents to shop local.

Short-stay pay-and-display car parks across both towns vary from 60p to £1 per hour. Long-stay spaces are available from £2.50 and limited 20-minute free spaces are on Church Street in Cannock.

SERVICE

Tearoom run by addiction unit users is about to open

A NEW tearoom run by service users from an addiction centre next door will open to the public in Cannock on Tuesday.

Langan's Tea Rooms will be based at 95 High Green, the former site of Bistro 95, which went into administration last year.

The cafe is now owned by Burton Addiction Centre, and service users will run the site.

It was converted alongside derelict 91-93 High Green which opened as a 12-bed supported house for recovering addicts last month.

Those living and working in the centre have already completed 18 weeks of rehabilitation, and the two buildings have created a number of support worker and catering jobs.

CHARITIES

New sleigh for Santa's tours to celebrate 40th anniversary

A CHARITABLE group has celebrated its 40th anniversary by acquiring a new sleigh for this year's Santa tours.

Penkridge Round Table has been in the town for four decades and each year organises a Santa sleigh run.

The new sleigh will be launched on December 5 in the town centre before tours start the following day.

Volunteers from the group will take the sleigh to all the streets of Penkridge as well as visiting Wheaton Aston, Acton Trussell, Bednall, Lapley, Huntington and a number of small villages. Each year, thousands of pounds are raised through the tours for local charities.

The group say all are welcome to attend the launch event outside the new TFM store off the A449 between 10am and 2pm.

TRAFFIC

Drivers warned as cycling routes work to close roads

MOTORISTS in Cannock and Walsall have been warned of months of temporary restrictions and possible lane closures as work is carried out on three cycling routes.

Highways England started work to introduce a new route from Washbrook Lane in Cannock to Churchbridge in Great Wyrley this week. Once work there is completed, the scheme will move on to the A5/A452 route in Brownhills.

This section of work is set to start in January. The scheme is expected to take until April 30 to complete, with motorists warned that work will be taking place from 9.30am to 3pm and 7pm to 7am Monday to Thursday, as well as 9.30am to 3pm and 7pm to 9am on Fridays. At weekends, work will be carried out from 6pm to 10am on Saturdays and 6pm to 7am on Sundays.

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Selfless pair are presented with medals

Michael Mellor BEM

TWO Staffordshire residents have been presented with the British Empire Medal for their invaluable contributions to their local communities.

The winners were announced in The Queen's Birthday Honours list earlier this year and both attended a special ceremony hosted by the chairman of Staffordshire County Council at County Buildings in Stafford.

Michael Mellor was awarded his BEM for services to the Chase Arts in Public Spaces organisation and to the community of Cannock.

"I am both humbled and honoured to receive this award which recognises my contribution within the community of Cannock Chase," he said.

"In particular, my role over the last 15 years with Chase Arts for Public Spaces (CHAPS) in designing, erecting and dedicating memorials which have enabled people locally, further afield in the UK and overseas to recognise and remember their loved ones who worked in the Cannock Chase coalfield. I am proud to be instrumental in a community project which provides a lasting tribute to the area's mining heritage."

Michael Warrilow JP was awarded his BEM for services to the community of Stoke on Trent. He said: "My family are very proud of me being given this award, and to be recognised in this way for carrying out my normal daily role in the fire service is indeed a great honour, something I never expected."

The medals were presented by the Lord-Lieutenant, Ian Dudson, on behalf of the Queen, in front of the recipients' family and friends.

County council chairman Janet Eagland said, "It was a great privilege to host this presentation to honour people who do so much for our communities."

End of power station 'a blow to our town'

CLOSING down Rugeley Power Station is a 'backward step' for the town, it is claimed.

More than 150 jobs at the site will be lost after the Government announced that all polluting coal-fired power stations will be closed by 2025.

Councillor Mick Grocott, chairman of Rugeley Town Council, said: "This decision is clearly a blow to the town. All we can hope is that they find another use for the power station. Possibly they could revisit the idea of using biomass, or convert it to a gas power station.

"But at the moment it is not good news. We have worried about the future of the power station since they closed Lea Hall Colliery in 1991 but it has kept going.

"After suffering over the last 20 or 30 years, things have seemed to be on the up for Rugeley, with Amazon and Tesco coming in, but this is a backward step."

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling has called for an urgent meeting with Amber Rudd, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, to discuss the matter.

Options

"The economic security of Rugeley is one of my key focuses, and I will do all it takes to protect jobs in the constituency," Ms Milling said.

"The deadline for the end of coal in electricity production set by government is a decade away. I believe this gives more than enough time for the options for Rugeley Power Station to be fully explored."

Ms Rudd said: "It cannot be satisfactory for an advanced economy like the UK to be relying on polluting, carbon-intensive 50-year-old coal-fired power stations."

Environmentalists have backed the move to phase out coal – the power source responsible for most carbon emissions.

Tightening environmental regulations has seen a string of major coal-fired power plants closed in recent years.

Of the dozen that remain, three are due to shut by March next year. Under the plans, all coal power plants which do not have technology to capture their carbon emissions will be shut by 2025.

Rugeley B doesn't have carbon capture technology. Instead it uses a flue gas desulpherisation (FGD)plant to remove sulphur dioxide.

Plea to drivers over cold snap

This was the scene in Chadsmoor at the weekend after the snowfall *Picture: @thewulfran*

MORE than 40 gritting lorries were out on roads in Staffordshire as temperatures plummeted and snow fell.

Teams worked throughout Friday, Saturday and Sunday as the mercury dropped below zero.

Penkridge, Cannock, Stafford and the Staffordshire Moorlands all saw snowfall, and the gritters, working out of five depots around the county, treated all A and B roads. Snowploughs were also called into action. Staffordshire County Council's highways leader Mark Deaville said: "Friday we saw the first of sub-zero temperatures across the county, and our gritting crews were out throughout the night to keep roads clear.

"We'll always treat our A and B roads if necessary and in prolonged periods of adverse conditions extend to some other routes.

"I would always remind people to drive with extra care in icy conditions to ensure they and other road users remain safe. Our gritting crews will also be out across the county again should temperatures drop." The team works with nine weather stations giving decision makers the accurate and up-to-date information they need.

Snow began to fall around the region late on Friday night into Saturday morning as temperatures dropped well below freezing, thanks to an Arctic blast from the North Pole.

Some forecasters are predicting the icy blasts could result in the coldest November on record. The snow and ice came after the region was hit by Storm Barney, which

Appeal for relatives in bid to name new roads

CANNOCK Chase Council is seeking the relatives of 120 First World War heroes, whose names are engraved on the war memorial in Hednesford, in order to name roads on a new housing estate in their honour.

Planning permission has been granted for a housing development on land off Pye Green Road, Hednesford.

Council leader Councillor George Adamson has asked that the roads on the new estate are named in memory of local war heroes from the First World War.

There are 120 names on Hednesford War Memorial's Roll of Honour but some of the surnames are duplicated.

The council is seeking permission from surviving relatives to enable them to use the surnames to name the roads.

"It would be a fitting tribute to those local heroes who lost their lives in the First World War to be honoured," Councillor Adamson said. "We want to give surviving relatives the opportunity to let us know if they don't want the name to be used in this development.

"So, if you are a descendant of one of the men listed on Hednesford War Memorial's Roll of Honour, or know someone who is, then please give one of our officers a call. There are more names on the roll of honour than there are roads in this development, so allocation will be on a first come, first served basis."

Anyone who is a descendant of one of the men listed should call Tracie Clarke at the council on 01543 462621 or email tracieclarke@cannockchasedc.gov.uk by 5pm on Friday, December 4.

Force 'determined to keep us safe'

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner has said the county's police force is determined to keep the population safe following the terrorist attacks in Paris.

More than 120 people lost their lives in the attacks on November 13.

Matthew Ellis said: "It is important we continue to live our lives normally but are vigilant and conscious of the current circumstances.

"Staffordshire has a good and improving police service that is determined to keep our population safe.

"I receive regular briefings on the preparedness of policing here to meet its responsibilities and, whilst difficult, if additional resources are needed to bolster their effectiveness I will identify and provide those resources."

School brings in £700 for charity

PUPILS and staff at Wolgarston High School in Penkridge raised a total of £734.95 for Children In Need.

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Hundreds in region are waiting for transplants

HUNDREDS of patients in the West Midlands region are waiting for potentially life-saving organ transplants, new figures show.

NHS Blood and Transplant has launched its national winter campaign aimed at increasing the number of people on the donor register.

Across the region, there are 388 people are on the UK's waiting list for a transplant, and 159 have been waiting longer than two years.

Meanwhile, 50 have been left in limbo for more than five years, the statistics reveal. In Staffordshire, there are 109 people on the waiting list for a transplant, with 40 having been waiting longer than two years. Eleven of these have been on the list for more than five years.

The statistics show that 47 patients living in Staffordshire died between April 2011 and November 2015 because of the shortage of organs.

Sally Johnson, director of organ donation and transplantation at NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "Statistically, more than one in ten people on the waiting list will die before they get the transplant they need. For some organs, the picture is significantly bleaker."

Of the almost 7,000 patients on the UK's transplant waiting list, 30 per cent have been waiting more than two years. More than 500 of them have been waiting longer than five years – more than 1,800 days each.

To join the NHS Organ Donor Register, go to organdonation.nhs.uk or call 0300 123 23 23.

Hundreds sign PCSOs petition

AN online petition launched by a Great Wyrley man opposing plans to cut the number of PCSOs in the West Midlands gained 1,000 supporters in under a week.

Nik Luzaic set up the petition on change.org which has drawn attention to the nationwide campaign to save PCSOs in other areas.

It was revealed by West Midlands Police that the number of PCSOs would fall from 535 to 119 – a reduction of 416 positions – as part of a plan to save £130 million by 2020.

No announcement has yet been made on when the first round of cuts will take place.

Almost 500 signatures were gained in the first four days, with that number doubling in just over two days.

Restaurant bid given go-ahead

PLANS to convert two empty shops in Heath Hayes into a restaurant creating 10 jobs have been approved.

Ruhel Ahmed lodged plans with Cannock Chase Council to open it at Hawke Green District Centre.

Fantastic festive fun on the farm

Festive fun at the Wonderfarm

PEOPLE can get into the festive spirit at Penkridge's Lower Drayton Farm, with some new additions to its Winter Wonderfarm attraction.

As well as visiting Father Christmas in his Grotto to tell him what they'd like to find under the tree this year – taking away a small gift and a photo as a token of their visit – children will be presented with a 'passport' on arrival.

This will kick-start their Santa's Little Helper experience, allowing them to take part in seasonal activities including icing a festive cookie, making a snow flake, a Christmas quiz, enjoying a festive farm trailer ride and penning their own letter to Santa. They will gain a stamp in their passport for each activity they complete.

Visitors can also book the Super Santa Experience and make their very own cuddly toy to take home with them, as well as enjoying all the other activities on offer through the Santa's Little Helper package.

There are also the farm's friendly animals and adventure playground.

Manager Val James said: "The Winter Wonderfarm has proved a real success over the past two years, and we're determined to make it even better for families this year.We're now offering a full package of activities as well as the visit to Santa's Grotto ."

The attraction will open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from December 4 to 20.

It will also be open on Monday, December 21, Tuesday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 23.

For times, prices and to book tickets in advance, log on to www.lowerdraytonfarm.co.uk

New system for food waste to save £300k

A HOUSEHOLD bins shake-up will take place in the Cannock Chase district, with families facing more changes to how they are expected to deal with waste.

Food waste will no longer be collected separately from February under the proposals, which are aimed at helping the council to save £300,000 a year.

At the moment, residents have to put food waste, such as left over eggs, meat, fruit and vegetables peelings, into a brown bin along with garden waste. But under the new system from early next year, bin collection crews will collect garden waste on its own, and food rubbish will have to be put either in the green bin or in a home composter.

Cannock Chase Council says it is twice as expensive to process both food and garden waste together than the composting method, which can be used if garden waste is collected alone.

Environment chief Councillor Alan Dudson said: "Following a long procurement process, we are now in a position to award the contracts.

"There will be some changes that residents will have to make in the new year with the way they recycle.

Constantly

"But these new contracts mean that the council is saving a lot of money.

"With government cuts, we are constantly looking at ways to save money without cutting services to residents in the district.

"This is another way that we can ensure that residents keep their alternate weekly refuse collections. However, I would remind people to take care once the revised service is introduced in February 2016 as any food waste that goes into the brown bin will cause contamination and will incur costs for the taxpayer."

Once the changes are in place, residents will also be given the opportunity to request a free home composter as an alternative way of disposing of their food waste.

The contract for the disposal and treatment of organic garden waste has been awarded to Jack Moody Ltd with Biffa Municipal Ltd being awarded the contract for waste collection from April. The contracts will save the council £308,240 a year.

Stafford Borough and South Staffordshire councils do not operate a separate food waste service.

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End of the line? The historic signal box sits abandoned in Hednesford Park despite high hopes for the structure to be preserved

Signal box plan in park derailed

IT was saved from being destroyed – but the new home for the historic Hednesford signal box has hardly seen an upturn in its fortunes.

The structure was moved to Hednesford Park after Staffordshire County Council, Cannock Chase Council and Hednesford Town Council joined together to raise the necessary £30,000.

It had been due to be destroyed two years ago as Network Rail wielded the axe on old boxes up and down the country. The targeted opening for the public was due shortly after the move but today the building sits fenced off and derelict.

Councillors had high hopes for the building, which was constructed in the early 1870s, after they saved it a week before its scheduled demolition in September 2013.

It was hoped that the building – highly visible from the Rugeley Road – would help encourage visitors to the park. It was also planned that the signal box would be used an office or base for when there are events on at the park. But, as yet, it sits abandoned.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Youngsters get careers advice

RUGELEY youngsters experienced their first opportunity to listen to business leaders about what is involved in certain careers, what skills are most important for them and the ways of entering those careers.

The event was organised with the help of Rugeley Academy Schools, who hosted the event, Alan Durose of Wynniatt Husey, Angi Cooney of C Residential, Chris Albut of X30 Marketing, Jonathon Forrester of Pickerings and local MP Amanda Milling, who each gave talks and answered youngsters' questions.

Working dogs are celebrated

SIXTY five people and 20 dogs attended a ceremony on Cannock Chase to celebrate working dogs.

The annual event, now in its sixth year, was inspired by Freda, a Harlequin Great Dane who was the New Zealand Rifles' mascot when the regiment was stationed on Cannock Chase during the First World War.

The event included listening to readings and poems, and laying wreaths on Freda's grave. It was attended by a number of civics, including South Staffordshire Council's chairman and Lichfield District Council's chairman.

Church to stage day of readings

HEATH Hayes Spiritualist Church is offering one to one, Tarot and Angel card readings on Saturday at the Cabin, in Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes, next to Tonic Spa.

Appointments are available from 10am to midday, and 1 pm to 4pm – £12 for a 30-minute reading.

Call Joyce on 01543 579755 or 07773 398492 for an appointment, which is not always necessary but is recommended. This will be the last readings until January 2016.

Companies' £336m deal is now concrete

A CONSTRUCTION materials firm has agreed a £336 million deal that will see it take over a concrete maker with bases in Staffordshire and the Black Country.

The move brings Hope Materials' portfolio of a cement works, five quarries and 152 concrete plants across the UK into Breedon Aggregates' group.

Hope has operations at Four Ashes, Brierley Hill, Stourport, Walsall and Stafford. It also has a credit control office at Dunston Business Village.

Sappers are to meet

THE Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday at 8pm. The venue is the Drill Hall (Army Reserve Centre) in Walsall Road, Bridgtown. All Sappers past and present will be made welcome. Call the branch secretary on 01543 423319 for details.

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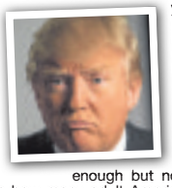
THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THE massacres in France? I am torn between two opinions, the liberal and the biblical. The liberal is the one that goes, we in the West are partly to blame for the madness of the Middle East. We must therefore sit down and talk with Islamic State, just as we have talked to other psychopathic murderers in the past, from the Mau Mau to the IRA, to work out some long-term settlement and a happy ending. The biblical view is that there can be no happy ending. The tribes of the Middle East have been smiting each other for thousands of years; the killing began long before they saw a British, French or American face. The borders of Islam have always been marked by blood and today's militant Islam is incapable of living at peace with itself, let alone with its neighbours. It has nothing to discuss and there is nothing to negotiate because its aim is our utter destruction. The "hostages" taken in a Paris theatre were no such thing; they were taken not for bargaining but for slaughter. We should therefore do the Old Testament thing and smite our enemies with a vengeance. For every one of us they kill, we kill 1,000 of theirs. Every suicide vest detonated in the West will be repaid, not merely with precision smart bombs but with every weapon in our armoury, including those no-one likes to mention. The biblical solution is to rain fire and brimstone on Islamic State and turn its strongholds into puddles of molten sand.

DONALD Trump who, heaven forbid, might one day become President of the United States, says the Paris massacre would have turned out differently if the French were allowed to carry guns. Can you imagine the carnage if 100 handgun-toting concert-goers had whipped out their Magnums and cut loose in a dark, crowded theatre? Terrorism is scary enough but no less terrifying is how many adult Americans cannot tell the difference between real life and Hollywood.



AS the week's horrific events in France unfolded, the many TV and radio interviews reminded us once again how many ordinary French folk speak excellent English, and how few Brits can manage to string the simplest sentence together in any foreign language.

WHEN it was announced that British storms would soon be getting their own names, no-one told us to brace ourselves for American names. Having been battered by Barney, can we look forward to Chuck, Dwight, Ellie-May, Frankie, Geraldo and Homer?

THE latest Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1) was a puzzle. I can't remember seeing so many grown-up people getting so excited about going to Blackpool. Maybe they hadn't been before.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Centre starts search for deserving hero

TO celebrate Christmas, Cannock Shopping Centre is on the hunt for an unsung hero of the community.

Local residents are invited to nominate an individual whom they think deserves to be rewarded for their selflessness, kindness and generosity to others. The competition aims to discover a special individual who gives up their time for the benefit of others, such as by regularly volunteering for local charities, hosting events for members of the community or looking after elderly residents.

The winner of the competition will receive a Christmas hamper worth £150 filled with seasonal treats to enjoy over the festive period.

Natal Chapman, centre manager of Cannock Shopping Centre, said: "People's kindness can often be overlooked so our competition is a great way to say thank you to those who go out of their way to support the Cannock community.

"I encourage anyone who knows an individual who deserves recognition to send their nomination, whether it is a big or small act of kindness."

Nominations can be sent to cannocksc@pmwcom.co.uk

The deadline for nominations is Sunday, December 13. All entries should include both the nominator and nominee's names, and contact phone numbers, along with the age of the nominee, where they live and why they deserve to win.

● Santa Claus will be in his grotto next to Trendy Tanya on the first floor of Cannock Shopping Centre from 11am until 4pm on Saturday, December 5. There will also be a face painter on hand to add to the fun.

HS2 will be 'the most expensive in world'

By Rob Golledge

THE planned high-speed rail line HS2 will be the most expensive in the world, according to new research.

The £42.6 billion budget makes it more than 10 times the cost per kilometre of other major countries.

The price has been criticised by campaigners, who said it is 'abysmal value for money'. HS2 is estimated to cost £78.5 million per kilometre – double that of Turkey, Japan, China, Germany and South Korea.

France and Spain have built high-speed lines for less than £10m per kilometre while Italy built its for £43.4m per kilometre. The Channel Tunnel Link, also known as HS1, cost £51.3m per kilometre.

Joe Rukin, Stop HS2 campaign manager, said: "Whatever measure you look at, the HS2 project has an abysmal value for money and with the £42.6bn cost still being worked out on 2011 prices, it is sure to keep on spiralling.

Differences

"If it is built, HS2 would be the most expensive railway in the history of the world, surely sucking up the entire rail infrastructure budget for decades to come, and squeezing out more deserving, cheaper and cost-effective projects."

The high price has been attributed because of the vast differences in geography, labour cost and land prices, as well as the amount of bureaucracy faced.

Ben Ruse, lead HS2 spokesman said: "Europe has had high-speed rail for decades and the continental network now measures more than 4,000 miles with a further 5,000 miles planned. In the UK, we have had around 70 miles of high-speed rail for less than 10 years.

"As such, the development of new design and construction techniques being used on the continent may be applicable here to see if we can build high-speed rail projects faster and cheaper."

HS2 will be built through 45 miles of Staffordshire countryside and include a link to Stafford railway station.

Wrong ashes given at pet crematorium

Heart-wrenching – Joanne Wakeley, from Chadsmoor, with a photograph of her Staffordshire bull terrier Ebony

A CHADSMOOR woman has told how she felt 'sickened' to discover that a pet crematorium owner cheated customers by giving them ashes of random animals.

Allan McMasters was exposed when trading standards officers found several chest freezers piled with dead pets at Swan Pit Pet Crematorium in Gnosall. One of them contained an iguana, a chicken, four cats and seven dogs, Mr Kahild Mahmood, prosecuting, told Cannock Magistrates Court.

After the case, Joanne Wakeley, aged 40, of Albert Street, said: "He didn't get what he deserved." Her Staffordshire bull terrier Ebony was found in a freezer at the crematorium. She said she felt 'sickened' when told the ashes she had placed on her mantelpiece were not those of her pet. "Now I'm wondering about all the other animals I've had cremated with him over the years – it's heart-wrenching," she added.

McMasters, aged 52, pleaded guilty to five charges of fraud relating to knowingly returning the wrong ashes to clients and four charges of failing to comply with animal by-product regulations relating to the way the horse carcasses were kept. Mr Paul Jenkins, defending, described McMasters as 'a one-man band who struggled to cope'.

McMasters was ordered to carry out 200 hours' unpaid work as part of a 12-month community order. He was also ordered to pay £6,435 in costs and compensation, including £500 to each of four known victims.

McMasters at court

Swimmer completes her charity marathon

A DETERMINED swimmer has completed a marathon charity challenge to help support wounded veterans.

Lifeguard Sarah Taylor completed 1,984 lengths of the pool at Rugeley Leisure Centre in 31 days – the equivalent of a mile a day – to raise money for the Walking With the Wounded charity.

Sarah Taylor

She said: "It was a tough month, particularly around the halfway mark, but I'm incredibly humbled by the support I've received both verbally and via donations."

Sarah decided to take on the challenge after volunteering with the charity earlier this year.

Walking With the Wounded supports those suffering from cognitive and physical wounds from conflicts in Falklands to Afghanistan.

It recognises that alongside the moral necessity to support those wounded, there is a financial reduction on the public purse when veterans can support themselves.

Sarah has raised more than £1,200 – and there is still time to make a donation. Visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/sarahtaylor79 or call in at Rugeley Leisure Centre.

Applications to be considered

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Land at rear of 274 Chase Road, Burntwood – erection of a three-bedroom detached dwelling and associated works.

Sunny Corner, 76 Upper Way, Upper Longdon – erection of a four-bedroom detached dwelling and associated works.

13 Dyke Road, Handsacre – rear extension to form conservatory.

The Cottage, Dark Lane, Longdon – erection of replacement dwelling (amendment to 15/00524/FUL).

57 Newgate Street, Burntwood – two-storey side extension to form garage, lounge, utility, shower rooms and three bedrooms.

Comments on any applications must be received by December 7.

School preparing for festive bazaar

A CHRISTMAS bazaar will be held at Saint Bede's Preparatory School, at Bishton Hall, Wolseley Bridge, on Saturday from 11am to 2pm.

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School will expand its teaching in new centre

CHASE Terrace Technology College is celebrating taking on a modern building to expand its state-of-the-art design and technology teaching centre and offer new courses.

It will not only use the former Lichfield and Burntwood Vocational Centre building to house its Design & Technology department, but extend its curriculum to offer students engineering qualifications. The expansion is happening after Staffordshire County Council arranged to transfer management of the building, which stands next to the school.

Dr Stuart Jones, headteacher at Chase Terrace, said: "We're delighted to reach this agreement with Staffordshire County Council, which will benefit our students enormously.

"This move allows us to offer our first-class design and technology courses in excellent facilities, while giving us the space to install the equipment we need to train engineers of the future."

Councillor Ben Adams, the council's cabinet member for learning and skills, said: "Research shows Staffordshire needs 2,600 new engineers for each of the next 10 years to meet demand from the science, technology and manufacturing companies already based in the county.

"So it's essential that schools and colleges can offer top-quality facilities such as this at Chase Terrace."

The school will formally take responsibility for the building next September, after some minor internal work has been carried out.

Assistant chief officer selected

STAFFORDSHIRE Police has appointed a new assistant chief constable – Chief Supt Nick Adderley from Greater Manchester Police.

The appointment was announced on Wednesday last week.

The post has been covered by Jon Drake, temporary assistant chief constable, since last year.

Chief Constable Jane Sawyers said the force was pleased to announce the news following a 'rigorous selection process'. She said: "To ensure we employed the best person for the job, we put the candidates through a two-day interview and presentation process, which included being questioned by a staff panel and members of the public.

"Arrangements will now be made regarding Mr Adderley's start date."

Folk rockers in town for show

LEGENDARY folk rockers Steeleye Span are set to play Cannock today.

The band, who had three top 40 albums in their 1970s heyday, will play the Prince of Wales Centre as part of their 26-date UK autumn tour.

Tributes to tragic tsunami survivor

William Latham – mental scars

TRIBUTES have been paid to a man from South Staffordshire who survived the Asian tsunami but died 10 years later following a battle with alcohol and depression.

William Latham was with his friend Nick Perry when the killer waves caused by the storm hit the picturesque Phi Phi island in 2004.

But despite surviving the tsunami, which killed 230,000 people, the 37-year-old, who was brought up in Brewood and enjoyed a successful media career in London, never shook off the mental scars. His brother James Latham, 41, said: "William was a very well liked, popular, kind and generous man who has left behind many friends and good memories.

Helping

"His illness was alcoholism and depression, some of which was brought on by his experience in surviving the tsunami, where he saw so much suffering whilst helping others survive this dreadful time. A proud man, he bottled this up for many years."

He said his brother, a former pupil of Wolgarston High School in Penkridge, spent time in a number of rehabilitation programmes, with one in particular, the BAC O'Connor Centre in Burton, helping him considerably. He died in May.

James Latham and his brother's friends are now raising money for the unit.

Mr Latham added: "He was improving before his death and focusing on the future but the long-term effects of his illness had taken their toll and he was taken unexpectedly and before his time. William will be forever missed by many."

Mining monument in village is a step closer

PLANS for a mining monument and memorial garden in Huntington have moved a step forward after a crunch meeting was held.

Gavin Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire, met residents and councillors last week to discuss the relocation of one of the pit wheels from the colliery site.

The two pit wheels that were once on the former Littleton Colliery site were saved by the local community.

Huntington Parish Council has now decided to create a monument to remember the coal mining history of the village, which began with the sinking of deep mine shafts at the end of the 19th Century until the closure of Littleton Colliery and the last deep mine in the Cannock Chase coalfield in 1993.

At its peak in 1980 the mine employed 2,000 men and produced a million tons of coal.

Following negotiations with The Coal Authority, successors of the National Coal Board, Huntington Parish Council obtained the 26-acre former colliery spoil mound in Cocksparrow Lane and developed it into Littleton Leisure Park, with two of the former colliery headgear wheels mounted on special brackets displayed on the park.

Hope

The wheels are currently obscured by trees, and Mr Williamson has plans to talk to the Army and other organisations to see if there would be any possibility of moving the pit wheel to the memorial garden location.

Huntington resident Alan Beech said: "It is our hope that we will be creating a monument and memorial garden for the miners who worked at the pit and for those who gave their lives in the two world wars. It is hoped by doing this it will show the heritage of Huntington."

Huntington and Hatherton councillor David Williams said: "I feel that this project would honour both service and pit workers alike who gave so much for our future. I have been honoured to be asked to join the working party, and I am looking forward to helping this project through to the end, involving local groups and residents, so that they can ensure the sustainability of this project for future generations"

Mr Williamson said: "It is only right that we celebrate the wonderful mining heritage that we have here in Huntington.

"Over the past century, this site has provided much prosperity to the local area."

Group in search for new stars

All for one – members of Norton Canes Drama Society at a rehearsal for The Three Musketeers

AN amateur dramatics group in Norton Canes is looking for new faces to take to the stage for their latest pantomime.

Norton Canes Drama Society is gearing up to stage The Three Musketeers and is looking for additional shining stars with an urge to perform in the spotlight.

Vice-chairman David Kelly said those wanting to get involved do not need acting experience, just enthusiasm. He said: "Would you like to be the King and send the traitors to the Bastille? Or be the Duke of Buckingham, who is in league with the Queen in order to rescue France from the Cardinal.

"Maybe you're brave enough to be one of the Cardinal's guards fighting the Musketeers and Mrs Porthole. She's quite scary when she puckers up."

Mr Kelly added: "If you enjoy acting, singing and dancing, or if you want a new hobby and think you would enjoy performing shows and concerts to the local community, come and see us."

There will be open auditions for the parts that are available, and chorus members are also needed for the show, set to be performed in the new year.

Rehearsals take place at Pelsall Community Centre on Tuesdays from 7.45 to 10pm. For details, call Dave Kelly on 07769 352673.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Red Lion getting set to roar again

A POPULAR pub near Penkridge has been added to a Staffordshire hospitality company's group of venues.

The Red Lion, at Bradley, is to become the fifth member of the Lewis Partnership's award-winning portfolio, currently consisting of The Moat House, Acton Trussell; The Swan Hotel, Stafford; The Dog & Doublet, Sandon; and The Bear Grill, Stafford.

The Red Lion will reopen under Lewis Partnership ownership as a 'taster of what is to come'. It will be fully refurbished in the summer.

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Networking event to boost business

A NETWORKING group is being launched to help raise the profiles of businesses in Cannock Chase and the surrounding areas.

Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre, in Hednesford, will be hosting an event on Wednesday, December 9 when there will be advice available on increasing sales and promoting a business, as well as an opportunity to network.

Further details can be obtained on 01543 512452, at kerry.millward@staffordshire.gov.uk or at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/enterprisecentres

Author at library for talk on book

LOCAL author Sue Morgan will be at Cannock Library from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, December 5 to promote her new book Dave D's Diary.

Sue will sign and talk about her book which is written entirely from her dog Dave D's perspective.

It chronicles the life of the rescued collie and his adventures all over the British Isles. The book will be on sale for £9.99 and some of the proceeds will go to the Border Collie Trust GB Rescue Centre where Dave once lived.

Teams required for six-a-side league

THERE are a few spaces left in the Burntwood six-a-side league – and teams are urged to sign up soon.

The matches are held at Burntwood Leisure Centre on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. All games are refereed by a qualified official and there are medals for each player.

Profits from the competition are donated to charities and good causes.

Teams can register by visiting www.leisureleagues.net

Call 0333 1232340 for details.

Walking on Sunday

CHASE & District Group Ramblers are preparing for an eight-mile moderate walk at Shoal Hill on Sunday. Walkers should meet at Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a prompt 9am departure. Walk leader John on 01543 677816 has further details about the outing.

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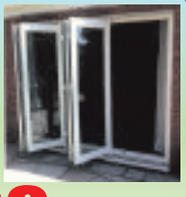

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Movie has job to make it pay at box office

APPARENTLY the new film about the life of American computer tycoon Steve Jobs hasn't been quite the box office hit that had been hoped for. Just two weeks after its launch, the movie was pulled from more than 2,000 cinemas by Universal, citing fierce competition. Which is surprising really, given its truly unique plot.

I hope I'm not spoiling the story for all those of you who were never going to watch it anyway. But essentially, in the 1970s a bloke with a beard called Steve goes into business with another bloke, who also has a beard and is also called Steve. Things don't work out, they squabble, and Steve – one of them anyway – goes his own way and sets up a rival business. After a lot of navel-gazing and finding himself, Steve is reunited with Steve (the one with the grey beard), and tells him he 'has not been in a good place'. And they launch a computer.

A bit like Alan Sugar. Only without the peerage or the television show.

Just one question. How did that not smash box-office records?

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WESTERN intervention in the Middle East. Disenchantment among a disaffected youth. Lack of educational opportunities and poverty. These are the things the bleeding heart liberals usually blame for the barbaric acts of terror of the kind we have seen recently in Paris.

Not the Prince of Wales, though, he has come up with a far more creative explanation. His Highness says it is all down to global warming. At least when his dad says something crass he usually gives us a laugh.

■■■

WEST Mercia's deputy police and crime commissioner Barrie Sheldon has spoken out, saying he wanted to debunk some of the myths about speeding enforcement. He says far from being a cash cow for the police, it has raised less than £1.5 million for the "safety partnership" in 12 months, all of which will be spent on road. In other words, more speed cameras.

He adds that mobile police speed traps are only set on roads where more than 15 per cent of drivers have been clocked speeding.

But isn't that the wrong way of going about it? Surely the only criteria should be the number of accidents. If people are driving above the speed limit and not causing accidents, then that probably suggests the limit is too low.

Oh, and one other thing. Mr Sheldon admits that he himself has been fined for speeding. Now far be it from me to criticise. Indeed, show me a motorist who never speeds, and I will show you a liar. But when even the man responsible for enforcing the rules on speeding gets caught, doesn't that suggest maybe they are a bit too strict?

Superbike champion Shane Byrne, by Paul Duckhouse

Club members Bill Payton, left, and Peter Clark

A stunning image – Preserving the cod by David Byrne

Stunning exhibition gives a global view

Neck and Neck, by Paul Hassell, is among the Cannock Photographic Society exhibits

King of Fishing, by Bob Cooper, is among the images starring in the annual exhibition

FROM a striking close-up of a kingfisher to a quiet fishing village in Norway, stunning scenes from all corners of the globe are on show at an exhibition.

These pictures are alongside more than 200 prints which are on display as part of an annual exhibition by Cannock Photographic Society.

A total of 217 prints by 28 talented artists have been showcased this month at Chasewater Innovation Centre.

The vivid King of Fishing was taken by photographer Bob Cooper during a walk at Chasewater, while the sheer power and speed of superbike champion Shane Byrne is captured by Paul Duckhouse.

And you can almost hear the hooves pounding the track at Wolverhampton Racecourse in Paul Hassell's image Neck and Neck. The photograph is a sequel to Racing for Home, which featured a similar scene taken at night.

Mr Hassell described taking the picture while riding the start truck as one of the most exhilarating experiences of his life.

Others images on display include a street seller in Vietnam selling his colourful peppers on the road, taken by Paul Reynolds.

And there are scenes of the local area, history and nature.

The club's 58th annual exhibition will run until Saturday. Last year it attracted around 5,000 visitors. This year, photographs on display vary from capturing wildlife, landscapes, action sports, portraits, still life and abstract images.

And the exhibition doubles as a celebration after the photographic society came third out of 1,000 clubs across the country in a national competition and is regularly taking a top 10 spot in nationwide competitions.

A photography exhibition has captured striking scenes from all over the world. **KATY-ROSE MEANEY** takes a close look

Strong

The club's chairman, John Cartlidge, has been a member for more than 35 years and said the entries this year are the best so far.

He said: "The club is very strong, stronger than ever.

"This year alone we are coming second and third in national competitions, the Midlands is one of the strongest federations."

Mr Cartlidge added: "I am very proud of this year's exhibition and the achievements of members and the club.

"It is a great achievement to be in the position we are in."

The club was set up in 1953 and today Cannock Photography Society has around 70 members and is always looking for new recruits.

Mr Cartlidge said: "We are always looking for new members and beginners are always welcome and can simply turn up on the evening.

"I always say, everyone has to start somewhere and a club is the best part. You get good at photography by joining, you don't have to be good to join."

The society meets every Thursday from 7.45pm until 10pm at Mill Street Methodist Church in Cannock.

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School parking sparks fatal accident fears

FURIOUS residents are warning that dangerous parking by 'thoughtless' parents in a Cannock street during school start and finish times will lead to a fatal accident.

Householders are angry that a year-long campaign by the authorities to improve safety in Colliers Way, Huntington, has failed to produce results.

They claim that twice every weekday their drives are blocked by parents taking their children to Littleton Primary School.

Meetings with South Staffordshire Council and the parish council have raised possible solutions, such as painting yellow lines or introducing speed bumps, but none has materialised.

Resident Michelle Frost said: "The situation has got worse, particularly in the last month or two.

Residents are demanding action over parking problems at Littleton Primary School

Unsafe

"Our biggest fear is that if any of us needed help from the emergency services between the hours of 8am and 9am or 3pm and 4pm it would be almost impossible for them to get access from the junction nearest to the school safely and quickly. Parents are being thoughtless."

A neighbour, who did not want to be named, said: "The problem has increased ten-fold and has now become completely chaotic and extremely dangerous. Motorists have also started parking opposite drives, as well as blocking dropped kerbs, making reversing off drives difficult and unsafe.

"It's almost impossible to see any oncoming traffic when you have vehicles parked so close to your driveway.

"It concerns me how little action has been taken. Children are running between cars into roads to cross over to use the park, and the volume of pedestrians at school finish time causes children and parents to have to walk in the road to get by. Add to that, the speed that drivers take the bend near to the school, and it's a serious, if not fatal, accident waiting to happen. I fear that it will take a pedestrian getting hit by a car before anything is done, which is completely unacceptable."

He said his wife had been prevented from taking their four-month-old daughter to an important medical appointment because their drive was blocked by two cars. Councillor Jeff Ashley, of South Staffordshire Council, said a solution may be close at hand. Huntington Parish Council has applied to South Staffordshire Council for planning permission for a temporary 42-vehicle car park on county council-owned land in Cocksparrow Lane near the school.

Councillor Ashley said: "The car park would be used by the school at start and finish times and also by the popular Barns Inn and Hotel, mainly in the evenings, as well as by the community generally.

"I've got every sympathy with residents. I'm aware the car parking situation has not improved in Colliers Way and although this may not completely solve the parking congestion, it should alleviate the problem."

Residents in the area have until December 3 to submit their views on the proposal on the council website. It is expected a decision on the application will be made by the end of the year.

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We should grab this opportunity

TODAY marks the beginning of the end of the Whitehall stranglehold on our region which has hurt us for so long.

The opportunity to make our own decisions on key areas such as economic development, transport and skills is one we must grab and I urge the councils and councillors involved to bite the Government's hand off.

This will be the start of a devolution process. Gradually, we need to take much fuller control of our own lives and decisions in the region. London does not know best.

An elected mayor will provide vital, visible accountability, while uniting the different parts of the region. The buck will stop there, as it has with Ken Livingstone and Boris Johnson in London.

We can't live on handouts from Whitehall any more. The future belongs to us, and this is where it begins.

SIÔN SIMON
MEP, West Midlands

Ordinary people have become much poorer

IN reply to Jim Corke ("Standard of living is all about priority, October 19) what is really alarming is that he appears to suggest that people on benefits should not have consumer durables such as inside toilets, central heating and televisions in order to be classed as not having improved living standards.

Most of these are very basic human needs. Almost every property that is rented has an inside toilet and some form of heating. Living standards are related to disposable income, and not whether people have an inside toilet, central heating or a television. And since the Tory cuts, ordinary people have become much poorer while the rich have increased their wealth by vast amounts.

Mr Corke claims that Labour sold the gold off cheap, but they did not. The gold was sold at market value, not like the Tories who sold the Royal Mail way below its value. His claim that Labour spending is the reason for the current cuts is simply not true. The worldwide financial crisis was created by the banks and corporate greed.

I remember the right wing press propaganda about the last one out turn off the lights. But I also remember Black Wednesday, record unemployment, the near collapse of the NHS, the Poll Tax and the industrial unrest in 1984 when the miners had to fight against pit closures to try and keep their jobs – all under under the Tories.

COUNCILLOR PAUL WITTON
Cannock

Please continue to oppose drug clinic

REGARDING the proposed needle exchange in the old post office in Church Street, Cannock, I have written to the development control manager at the district council to lodge my formal complaint ("Fears of town drug clinic bid", Chronicle, November 5).

Through the Chronicle, I would like to thank Councillor Diane Todd for her support in this matter, and I hope that this will continue throughout the process. Please continue to be brave.

I have also written to Councillor Paul Witton, as my ward councillor, asking him to lobby his council colleagues and if possible to speak out against this development, and I have written to Maureen Freeman and John Kraujalis as my ward councillors, but purely for their information.

As members of the planning committee, I fully accept the difficult position in which they may find themselves.

SUSAN SNAPE
Cannock

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Inventors are wanted

I AM part of the casting team on a brand new BBC Two series called Britain's Most Spectacular Backyard Builds, which is celebrating Britain's most passionate inventors, makers, engineers and tinkerers. We're looking for a variety of people to take part. Filming for the series will take place between January and March 2016. For those who are interested, they can email makers@rdftelevision.com

DAVINIA RICHARDSON
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Take your concerns to the top

I'M sure that we have all seen lots of headlines recently highlighting the fact that all levels of care in this country, are at breaking point, including and in particular, mental health care.

It is estimated that the value of 'family carers' who look after loved ones at home is estimated at £132 billion to the Government 'equal to the total government budget, for the National Health', surely then pinpointing the fact this is 50 per cent underfunded.

It is blatantly obvious that substantially more investment is urgently needed to bring all aspects of care up to the required level.

I have on previous occasions suggested people write to their MPs but perhaps it is time to take it to the top. Write to Alistair Burt, Minister for Care (copy to) Jeremy Hunt, Health Minister, Westminster, London, otherwise it may not be there, if and when you may need it.

A KYTE
Great Wyrley

Progress over the years plain to see

I AM obliged to Kevin Wilcox for attempting to clarify why he thinks he is not deluded ("System only survives thanks to rising debt", November 19). I quote: "The science of historical materialism proves that the decisive factor in human history is the growth of the productive forces, which renders obsolete the existing mode of production and its social relations". This is plainly unscientific gobbledygook.

All I know is that my grandparents were relatively poor, my parents were a little better off, and I have far more property and good health than they. My children have a far richer life than that of my siblings and I.

If this progress over four generations demonstrates or is perceived to threaten the collapse of capitalism to anyone, they are most surely deluded.

GRAHAME WIGGIN
UKIP Cannock Chase

Help to make life easier for families of ill children

CHRISTMAS can be a wonderful time of year for parties and celebrations but in the midst of this, thousands of families will be spending this festive season either in hospital or at home caring for their seriously ill child.

Rainbow Trust Children's Charity will be supporting families across the country over the Christmas period, ensuring they get the support they need to help make life just that little bit easier. I am a proud supporter of this caring charity, and I urge readers to help this Christmas by making a donation by calling 01372 363438, visiting www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/donate or texting Rainbow to 70111.

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Widows join veterans to receive top honour

'I WAS just another soldier doing his job really' – Second World War veteran Frank Corbett humbly remembers his time fighting in Normandy.

The 95-year-old from Walsall was recently given the Légion d'Honneur medal, France's highest decoration to recognise individual efforts, regardless of where they are born.

Mr Corbett, along with fellow Walsall veterans Sam Broadhurst, Ron Davies and Gordon Poole, were among the 400 people outside France to be given the award this year.

While Mr Corbett and Mr Broadhurst received theirs, Dot Davies and Eileen Poole were presented with the medals on behalf of their late husbands. The four people came together to mark the occasion at a monthly meeting of the Normandy Veterans Amalgamation group, held at Bloxwich's Victoria Club.

Gordon Poole, who died in September

Honoured – the late Ron Davies

Eileen Poole, Normandy veterans Sam Broadhurst, Frank Corbett and Dot Davies

Superheroes

Mr Corbett, 94, from Bloxwich, was a corporal in the seventh battalion of the South Staffordshire regiment from 1939 to 1946.

After receiving his medal, he said: "I never expected anything like this, it was a big surprise to me.

"It is lovely to think people think of you like this, as a hero. I was just another soldier doing his job really. The medal itself is beautiful but it came with a lovely letter, thanking us for saving so many lives, which is worth just as much to me. It is as though they think of us as superheroes."

Mrs Poole, who was married to Gordon for 65 years, said she was 'very proud' of her husband but him receiving the award was tinged with sadness.

Mr Poole died in September this year, aged 89, just a short time before he was able to receive the award for himself.

Mrs Poole, of Cannock, said: "I am very proud of him. I was always proud of him but but I am very sad he is not here to hold the award himself."

The monthly meetings of the Normandy Veterans Amalgamation, formed from the disbanded Normandy Veterans Association, are organised by Ron Smith, 83, from Great Wyrley.

He said: "I was chosen to be chairman of the Normandy Veterans Amalgamation by the others because I am a bit younger , I wasn't a Normandy veteran myself. We lost Ron and Gordon earlier this year, both were truly sad losses. Each deserved their honour."

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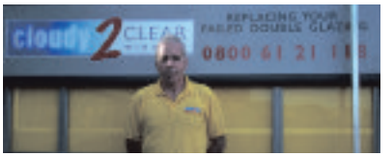

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Osborne gives backing to best shops contest

AN ANNUAL competition to find the best shops and market stalls in the Cannock Chase district has been given the backing of the Chancellor.

The Best Chase contest is run by Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling and asks the public to vote for their favourite independent stores in Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley and the best market stall in Cannock and Rugeley.

George Osborne praised the event and urged people in the area to get involved.

He said: "Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy and this is a fantastic way to honour local shops. The Government will play its role in supporting local entrepreneurs by reducing regulation, cutting taxes and investing in infrastructure.

"I'd urge residents from throughout the district to nominate their favourite shops in time for the competition's closing date."

Encouraging

Ms Milling said: "It is fantastic that the Chancellor has thrown his support behind the competition. My message to every local shop and market stall is, tell your customers and get them to vote for you because the result is going to be really close."

Local traders have also welcomed Mr Osborne's support. Alan Brickley, of Sheepcraft Yarns in Hednesford, who was winner of the Best Hednesford Shop category in last year's competition, said: "I'm very glad that the Chancellor is backing the competition this year. To know that he takes an interest in local business in Cannock Chase is very encouraging for retailers."

The competition is supported by The Best of Cannock, Small Business Saturday UK and FindaBiz Rugeley.

Voting closes at 5pm on December 1 and the winners will be announced on December 5. Nominations can be submitted at www.bestchaseretailer.co.uk

Eat Well team rewarded

The Eat Well team with the Age UK 2015 Partnership Award

A STAFFORDSHIRE project which promotes healthy eating among the elderly has won an award.

Eat Well Staffordshire is a three-year partnership scheme which focuses on over-65s who may be at risk from, or suffering from, the consequences of under-nutrition.

In recognition of their efforts, the Eat Well team received the Age UK 2015 Partnership Award.

Legendary entertainer Lionel Blair presented them with their trophy at the Age UK Volunteer Awards 2015 in London.

Volunteers Glennys Fletcher, Val Atterbury and Lyn Kightley received the award alongside volunteer co-ordinator Amanda Bancroft and community engagement organiser Kate Gibbon. Eat Well Staffordshire began in March 2013, led by Age UK South Staffordshire, and works closely with a range of public, community and voluntary partners.

It has seen 265 service users since the project began. At the moment, 157 of these are under the care of the Eat Well NHS registered dietitian monitored with the help of 63 trained volunteers.

Nick Maslen, chief executive of Age UK South Staffordshire, said: "The proportion of older people living in southern Staffordshire is set to increase significantly over time, and with it, those at risk from malnutrition. We are now seeking to build sustainable partnerships so that we can continue to develop preventative support and early interventions."

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Motion of the ocean is talk theme

Chase Terrace Ladies

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She told how she left her banking role and managed to find herself a new career, landing her new dream job, through her love of cruising, as a destination speaker.

At the bank she moved from branch to branch in a management role and then was moved to become the call centre manager at the business centre.

On the cruise liners there is a representative who gives the passengers a short overview of the places that the liner is stopping at.

Although she is not paid for this she gets to travel along with her husband to many foreign ports. This combines her love of geography and travel with her skills as a researcher, photographer and presenter.

She aims to make sure that the passengers have a safe and enjoyable day ashore, making the most of their time.

Hazel has a particular interest in the Arctic area. She has travelled on Boudicca, Queen Mary 2, Saga Sapphire and more involving 130 destination talks for 35 countries from Europe to Scandinavia, North Africa, the Artic, UK and Ireland and the Americas.

The following meeting saw Margaret Smallman return to address the club with a talk called Trolley Dolly. She regaled the ladies with hilarious tales of her time on the Wolverhampton trolley buses.

7/7 hero gives first responders insight

Guest speaker Paul Dadge with the ladies from the Heathside Group

Heathside Group

THE meeting was hosted by Hayes Green WI on October 22 and held at St John's Church Hall, Heath Hayes.

Hayes Green president Sandy Hobbs welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to join in singing Jerusalem.

The roll call revealed that 14 ladies from Cannock, 15 from Shareshill, 11 from Norton Canes and 32 from Hayes Green were present, together with a couple of visitors.

Sandy introduced Sheila Moulton, county chairman, who gave a recap of SFWI's events and adventures during WI's centenary year so far and reminded ladies of the county carol service which will be held at Lichfield Cathedral on December 16. Dianne Bevan of Hayes Green gave the vote of thanks and presented a hanging basket.

Speaker for the evening was Paul Dadge, hero of the 7/7 bombing attack in London. He is now very involved with volunteer first responders in this area and gave an insightful description of their work. He was thanked by Sue King of Hayes Green.

The next Group Meeting will be hosted by Shareshill on March 3. Speaker will be Geoffrey Tristram a local artist, cartoonist and author.

Shoeboxes filled for Christmas

Hammerwich WI

A TWO minute silence was observed and a poppy wreath laid at the November meeting.

Following Jerusalem and the business, Ann Riddell collected approximately 30 decorated and filled Christmas shoeboxes, which members had made and donated for children in eastern Europe. She will take these to International Aid Trust, for transportation.

Speaker for the evening was the very talented Karen Van Hoff whose talk was entitled The Knitted Necklace, A Hat and A Tiara.

She brought along a magnificent display of jewellery which she had hand-made or knitted. Karen told her of life from when she was three and living in Singapore, to the present day.

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The charity's annual awards ceremony next month will celebrate the great work being done in parks and playgrounds across the UK.

And this year, for the first time, the voting was done entirely by the public, who had until yesterday to cast their votes.

Hatherton reservoir sits alongside the M6 Toll and is maintained as a refuge for the local community following the development of the road.

The area has been landscaped by the M6 Toll operators as part of the local rejuvenation, and picturesque woodlands surround the reservoir.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling said: "I am absolutely delighted that Hatherton has made it to the final.

"With Cannock Chase on our doorstep it is easy for the smaller parks to be overshadowed but Hatherton has shown it can punch well above its weight winning a nomination to the final."

Paul Woodhead, from the local Green Party, said: "We want the council to invest in our countryside estate to promote the health and well-being of the Staffordshire residents and visitors as well as conservation for future generations. It is ours to enjoy, not theirs for profit."

He added that two more Staffordshire parks – Apedale Community Park and Deep Hayes Country Park – were also on the awards shortlist.

The awards vote follows publication of Fields in Trust's national survey, which revealed almost of all of people questioned agreed that parks and play areas should be protected from development.

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To coincide with the 20-year anniversary of TFM Farm & Country Superstore as a retail business, the company is now building on the success of its three Shropshire stores, in Stableford, Bridgnorth and Newport, with further store openings planned in the future.

As well as providing an additional outlet to serve both existing and new customers in Penkridge and the surrounding areas, the site offers an exciting opportunity to develop the company's customer base outside of Shropshire and into neighbouring counties. This move will provide up to 10 new jobs, as well as helping to further secure the future of this long-standing rural employer.

TFM's business has undergone some dramatic and exciting developments since 1995, driven primarily by the changing requirements of both the agricultural sector and businesses operating in the rural environment, and this latest move ranks among the most significant to date.

Positive

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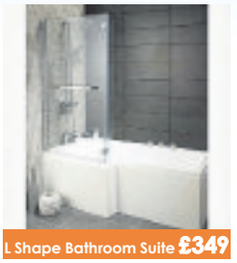
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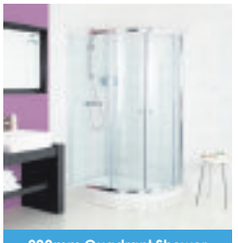
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The event at Cheslyn Hay will celebrate the historic Davis Cup tie between Belgium and Great Britain in Ghent

CHESLYN Hay Tennis Club are holding a special Davis Cup Tennis Festival on Saturday.

The event will celebrate the historic Davis Cup tie between Belgium and Great Britain in Ghent with GB aiming to win the Davis Cup for the first time since 1936.

During the festival, there will be an Under 11 Davis Cup-style team competition for all abilities from 10am to 11am, a family tennis session from 11am to midday and teenager and the adult Davis Cup-style team competition from 11am to 12.30pm. There will also be promotions of reduced 2016 membership at the club as well as coaching offers. To sign up for the event visit tiny.cc/daviscup2015

For more information contact cheslynhaytennis@live.com or call 07969 829318.

Dealer had drug in club

A DRUG dealer was found with almost £500 worth of cocaine hidden in his underpants when he was arrested in a Cannock nightclub.

Bernie Smith has been jailed for 28 months after he was arrested in the toilets of an unnamed bar.

Officers arrested him after seeing someone hand him a £10 note, Stafford Crown Court heard.

In his top pocket was a portion of Mkat but he then confessed that he had more drugs hidden in his underpants, the court was told.

Miss Michelle Heeley, prosecuting, said the other drugs turned out to be 22 wraps of cocaine.

Messages

The drug had a total weight of just under six grams and a street value of £470.

Also seized from the defendant, on January 31 this year, was his mobile phone, which contained text messages 'indicative of low-level street dealing', said Miss Heeley.

Smith, aged 25, of Rowley Close, Hednesford, admitted possessing cocaine with intent to supply and possessing Mkat.

Judge Carmel Wall told him: "It's clear that street dealing in Class A drugs passes the custody threshold.

"You were dealing in drugs you were addicted to." Smith, who was not legally represented, admitted being a street dealer but told the judge he had nothing more to say.

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Firefighters are sought despite job cuts threat

A RECRUITMENT drive to find retained firefighters to provide emergency response cover in Penkridge has been launched – months after all 499 in the county were told their roles were to go.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service aims to offset government cuts of £5.7 million over the next four years.

Removing all the retained firefighters was an option the service had considered to plug the funding gap. But now it wants to bring in part-time crew members, including five part-time crew members to be based at the new station in Boscomoor Lane.

Retained support officer Gary Fox, who covers Penkridge, said: "The role of a retained firefighter is extremely rewarding and the crews develop a real sense of friendship and camaraderie which is vital when you are potentially going into dangerous situations. This is an exciting opportunity for enthusiastic people of all ages to learn new skills, at the same time as giving something back to the community."

Chance

Retained firefighters provide emergency cover from either their home or work base, which has to be within five minutes' travelling time of the station. Successful applicants would be called upon to tackle a range of incidents including fires, floods, road collisions and chemical spills.

Bosses say there would also be the chance to get involved in community fire safety initiatives, such as home fire risk checks and school visits. Many part-time crew members have a full-time job and have an agreement with their employer that they can leave work if alerted to an incident.

People interested in becoming a retained firefighter need to pass written literacy and numeracy tests, physical tests, an interview and a medical. Those chosen will take part in an initial training course and attend weekly drill nights.

People can have an informal conversation about the role by calling 07528 983190 or emailing g.fox@staffordshirefire.gov.uk

Help for Guides activities

From left, back row, Girl Guide Rebecca Smith, Leader in Attendance Donna McKeon, and 1st Chase Terrace senior section volunteer Michelle Smith, with, front row, Girl Guides Megan Clarke, Hannah Spencer and Abby Spencer

THE operator of the M6 Toll has donated £250 to the Girl Guides senior section in Burntwood.

The donation from Midland Expressway Ltd (MEL) will help to fund outdoor activities.

Donna McKeon, Leader in Attendance, said: "1st Chase Terrace Senior Section are delighted to have been selected by MEL's social committee as a beneficiary of their charitable donations, which will help towards the weekly expense of running our unit and to assist us funding our outdoor expeditions."

Girlguiding Staffordshire has more than 9,400 members aged five upwards and is active in nearly every town and village in the county.

Michelle Smith, MEL customer accounts administrator, said: "I was thrilled that our social committee recognised my volunteering with Girlguiding and agreed to make a donation to the senior section which will enable us to celebrate their centenary and participate in an activity weekend."

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Bank in new link-up

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£100k-plus salaries for a thousand NHS chiefs

MORE than 1,100 NHS chiefs are being paid at least £100,000 a year in parts of the West Midlands.

And 14 GPs across the region earned up to £300,000 in a year, with 503 raking in between £100,000 and £200,000. Fifty five earned at least £200,000 in a year, figures have revealed.

By Adam Burling

Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust had the highest number of top-paid bosses, with 264 getting more than £100,000, compared with 246 in Staffordshire, 180 in Wolverhampton, 140 in Dudley and 109 in Walsall. Some 53 of these roles are non-clinical.

Campaigners say that when NHS budgets are being slashed, rocketing salaries are unacceptable.

In Sandwell and West Birmingham, there were nine NHS staff getting at least £200,000 a year, compared with 18 in Staffordshire, 11 in Worcestershire, four in Wolverhampton, two in Dudley and one in Walsall.

Requests

West Midlands Ambulance Service paid five people more than £200,000.

In total, 1,171 people got more than £100,000 a year

The Taxpayers' Alliance has gathered the figures through Freedom of Information requests to trusts across the country.

Nationally, there were at least 50,137 employees of NHS organisations and GPs who were paid at least £100,000 in 2013-14 including 37,034 employees of NHS trusts and clinical commissioning groups, 10,735 GPs, 1,794 general dental practitioners and 534 employees of NHS quangos.

Some 1,757 received more than £200,000; 203 more than £300,000; 60 more than £400,000 and eight more than £500,000.

The campaigners say that between 1999 and 2008, NHS spending increased in real terms by an average of 6.3 per cent per year.

But they argue that, given impending demographic challenges and the fact that the kind of budget increases of the 2000s are simply not feasible, productivity will have to increase and pay will have to be restrained.

A 2010 report from the National Audit Office found that 'over the last ten years, there has been significant real growth in the resources going into the NHS, most of it funding higher staff pay and increases in headcount. The evidence shows that productivity in the same period has gone down, particularly in hospitals'.

Taxpayers' Alliance chief executive Jonathan Isaby said: "No-one begrudges paying doctors and nurses well for the tough jobs that they do, but it's galling to see bosses at failing hospitals continuing to rake in the cash."

Rob Webster, chief executive of the NHS Confederation said being a chief executive in the NHS was 'one of the toughest jobs in the country'. He added: "We need good leaders who can transform care."

High-earning managers cut by nearly 20pc

THE number of high-earning managers at Staffordshire County Council has dropped by almost 20 per cent in the past year.

Bosses say the number of senior manager posts had been reduced from 41 to 33 – including the loss of four posts where total earnings exceeded £100,000 a year.

It comes after figures from the Taxpayers' Alliance showed that in 2013-14 the authority had 26 staff on more than £100,000 a year, with four workers earning a salary of more than £150,000.

Ian Parry, cabinet member for education, finance and transformation, said: "The nature of local government is changing dramatically, and we need the best senior staff to ensure we remain a value-for-money, well-run council that makes a positive difference for everyone who lives, work or studies in Staffordshire.

"As part of that change, we have recently restructured our senior management structure, reducing the number of posts and saving money.

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THE time taken to answer non-emergency police calls in Staffordshire has been slashed. The average time callers using the 101 service had to wait in October was down by more than half on the same month last year. Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said he was pleased improvements were being made and said he believes the public's opinion of the service was also improving. But he said he was unhappy with the number of calls dealt with by the service that are not police responsibility. It comes after extra staff were taken on in November for the new control room based at police headquarters in Stafford.

Ambulance service to double its students

THE number of student paramedics recruited by West Midlands Ambulance Service is on course to double this financial year.

In 2014-15, the trust recruited 295 paramedics, but seven months into the 2015-16 financial year it has recruited 341 – an increase of 46 with five months of the year to run. The student paramedic programme is an alternative to university training.

By Jack Averty

The service helps students to learn on the job while they gain their qualifications.

Murray MacGregor, spokesman for the service, insisted that the sharp increase would not mean a decline in the quality of services provided.

He said: "It's a good thing, it's a real success story.

"Our aim is to have a student paramedic on every vehicle and to be the first trust in the country to do so, and it looks like we are on course to do this within the next 12 months.

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"For some people a university course works but for others learning on the job works and that's what we're offering. It's great because it's a different way of learning.

"Fair play to the students, they work blooming hard to get their paramedic qualifications and they're not easy."

The students go through a 30-month training course and complete the exams in university as they learn on the day-to-day job.

The idea is that, after the 30 months, the student paramedics will come out of the course fully qualified and will join WMAS full time. Asked if this meant that serious incidents would be dealt with by student paramedics, Mr MacGregor added: "A student paramedic would never go out on their own, it is unfair on them and unfair on the patient.

"A student paramedic is always accompanied by a more senior member of staff.

"We achieved all of our targets last year and were the only trust to do so."

The scheme has been immensely popular since its inception.

More than 1,000 people applied to be student paramedics when the trust was looking to recruit 300.

And more than 20,000 people considered applying, according to West Midlands Ambulance Service, as that is how many people they had looking at the job specification on NHS jobs.

Since 2010, and including the recruits so far this year, the service has recruited more than 1,000 student paramedics. This figure includes 122 in 2010-11, 131 in 2011-12, 136 in 2013-14, 295 in 2014-15 and 341 so far for 2015-16.

Harsh penalties call over rise in attacks on staff

ATTACKS on ambulance staff in the West Midlands rose by almost a third in the past six months, new figures have revealed.

The increase in assaults has been condemned, with an ambulance service boss calling for harsher punishment for those who carry out the unprovoked attacks.

West Midlands Ambulance Service workers were kicked, punched, spat at, had knives pointed at them and received death threats between April and September this year.

Statistics revealed at the trust's board meeting show for the six-month period the number of physical assaults on staff rose by nearly 30 per cent to a total of 139 incidents. The number of verbal assaults also rose by 13 per cent, to 246 incidents reported.

Chief executive Anthony Marsh said he would be writing to the chairs of magistrates benches across the Midlands asking them to take the toughest possible action against anyone who assaults staff. He added: "It is quite outrageous that our staff are having to put up with such violence."

Regional security manager Steve Elliker said: "The penalties handed down are simply not sufficient to deter people currently.

"We need sentences to be a deterrent so that people think twice before they attack our staff."

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Mick Pursell with his Contract Champion Award

THE team at Cannock-based EDS Couriers are raising a glass to toast a driver who was recognised with a top award.

Mick Pursell, who has been delivering and collecting parcels for the firm – part of APC Overnight – for nearly three years, received a Contract Champion Award from Viscount Falkland at the National Courier Awards in London.

He achieved his award as a result of client feedback highlighting his commitment to go the extra mile for his company and customers. Mick regularly delivers 80 consignments a day, with 20 to 30 collections alongside.

Mick said: "I was honoured to be invited to the awards ceremony and had a great evening celebrating a job I love doing. We work with some fantastic businesses throughout the region. I have a good team behind me here at EDS Couriers and am very proud of the service we deliver."

Andy Evans, depot principal at EDS Couriers, said: "Mick is a great driver. He is always well presented, friendly, helpful and is loved by all of the customers on his route"

Mandy Bibb, customer services manager at Wolverhampton-based Rainbow Signs and Graphics, said: "He is the most helpful driver we have ever had over the past 25 years – through wind, snow and rain we can always rely on Mick to be there with a smile. He's one in a million."

Decision on £35m HQ proposals is delayed

VILLAGERS strongly opposed to a firm's bid for a new £35 million headquarters must now wait until the new year for a decision.

By Jordan Harris

DX Freight – formerly Nightfreight – submitted an application to transform a 44-acre site in Hobnock Road, Essington, into a distribution centre and offices in August, causing uproar in the village.

Protests by residents led South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson to hold a referendum over the plans.

Traffic congestion and road safety are among the concerns being considered by planning officers at South Staffordshire Council.

But a final decision has been put back due to a delay in receiving a report from Highways England, which is taking part in the consultation over the scheme.

The firm had aimed to open the new distribution centre by summer 2017. Under the plans it would move its headquarters and 400 staff from Willenhall.

Councillor David Clifft, chairman of Essington Parish Council, said: "This application is the biggest threat to our community to date and would change a way of life for many of its residents. The community is totally united in opposing this proposal.

"In all of my time as a councillor, I haven't known Highways England ask for more time to make a decision, so it is clearly a complex matter. Its input is massively important – if they say it is a no-go, the plans will be squashed."

Two public meetings were held in September for residents to have their say on the plans, both of which saw hundreds attend to express their concern.

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Trophies awarded for tourism excellence

Gay and Ron Lawrence, from Colton House, near Rugeley – winners in the Enjoy Staffordshire Tourism Awards

STAFFORDSHIRE'S top hotels, pubs and restaurants were showered with awards during an evening to celebrate the county's hospitality hotspots.

The Moat House Hotel in Acton Trussell, the Swan Hotel, Stafford, and Colton House, near Rugeley, were among the big winners.

Businesses gathered for the third annual Enjoy Staffordshire Tourism Awards at Drayton Manor last week.

Eighteen awards were given out at the 1950s-styled ceremony, designed to help mark Drayton Manor's 65th anniversary. The Moat House, the Swan and the Dog & Doublet Inn, Sandon, between them pulled off four gold and two silver awards for their owner, the Lewis Partnership. Other standout victors included Colton House, near Rugeley, which won Guest Accommodation of the Year and Sustainable Tourism Award, which owners Ron and Gay Lawrence have won for three successive years.

The winner of the Taste of Staffordshire Tourism Award went to the Orangery Restaurant at the Moat House, which also won Restaurant of The Year. The Swan Hotel in Stafford was also a double-award winner receiving gold for Tourism Pub of The Year and Small Hotel of the Year.

In the other accommodation categories, Alton Towers Resort won gold for Large Hotel of the Year, Heywood Hall, Denstone, for Self-Catering Holiday Provider of the Year and Oakland Holiday Park, Brewood, for Holiday Park of the Year.

Hosts for the event, Drayton Manor theme park, were also double gold winners receiving the top accolade in the Access for All Tourism Award category and the Best Tourism Event of the Year award for the launch of its expanded Thomas Land attraction.

In total, 94 nominations were received from businesses and organisations in the county.

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Chambers on shortlist

STAFFORDSHIRE Chambers of Commerce have been shortlisted for a Social Enterprise Award in recognition of their work to support businesses and deliver training. The chambers have been named as a finalist in the UK Social Enterprise Awards 2015 in the Education, Training and Jobs Social Enterprise of the Year category. The shortlisting was based on the chambers' track record for increasing the prosperity of the people of Staffordshire. The UK Social Enterprise Awards Ceremony will be held today in London. The awards are organised by Social Enterprise UK.

Concern at rankings in table of life expectancy

PEOPLE in parts of the Black Country have among the lowest life expectancy in England, new figures have revealed.

Cannock fares as badly as some areas of the Black Country, with a below average life expectancy of 79 for men and 83 for women. However, the rest of South Staffordshire and Stafford fare much better.

By Jack Averty

Men in South Staffordshire are expected to live to 80.5 and men in Stafford to 80. This ranks them 115th and 142nd out of 345 areas in the national 'rankings' respectively.

Women are predicted to live to 83 in South Staffordshire and 84 in Stafford, ranking them, out of 345, 170th and 151st respectively. And although residents can expect to live between two and three years longer than 15 years ago, many areas' national ranking has plummeted.

In every area in the Black Country, the life expectancy for men and women is below the national average.

Average

Men's life expectancy in Sandwell is 77 – two and a half years below the national average – and 332nd out of 345 areas across the country. Their rank used to be 327. Women in Sandwell can expect to live to 81 – 322nd out of 345.

Men and women in Wolverhampton do not fare much better as, despite life expectancies of 78 and 82 respectively, they are ranked 316th and 303rd in the national rankings.

In Walsall, women are predicted to live on average four years longer than men with a life expectancy of 82 compared with 78. This ranks them 296th and 254th in the national rankings. Ten years ago the life expectancies in the borough were 80 and 75 respectively.

Walsall councillor Ian Robertson, cabinet member for health, said: "The issue in Walsall is the disparity between areas.

"You will find there is, in some cases, a 10-year life expectancy difference from one part to another part.

"In Walsall, there tends to be an east/west divide. Bloxwich, Palfrey and Darlaston – that corridor tends to drag the average down, while areas such as Aldridge and Streetly bring the average up. From a public health point of view, this is an area that we're trying to address. It's very important that one targets the disadvantaged areas to try and preserve the support they receive."

Wolverhampton councillor Elias Mattu, the city council's cabinet member for adults, said: "This is something that has to be dealt with and brought in line with the national average. The life expectancy in Wolverhampton is a postcode lottery as some areas are much better than others.

"The council is looking at various factors around this such as getting more jobs into the city but these things are going to take time. I am really really concerned."

New book tells story of village family's history

A NEW book which charts the history of a Little Haywood family is now on sale.

Written by Stafford author David Roberts, the book is entitled A Rural Revolution: The History of a Staffordshire Family and Their Village.

It features a number of mid-Staffordshire villages including the Haywoods, Colwich and Weston, as well as Rugeley, and follows the fortunes of one family through five generations.

A former pupil of Stafford's King Edward VI School, the author worked at the county education offices before taking up a teaching career in further and higher education. He has written and edited a number of best-selling college textbooks, but his new book is something different for him.

The book explores how revolutionary developments in transport and communications impacted on everything 'from where and how we live – to fish and chips and football'.

It is on sale at Little Haywood General Store. The official publication date is Januarybut pre-Christmas discounted copies are available from the author via www.davidrobertsbooks.co.uk or the publisher at www.troubador.co.uk/shop

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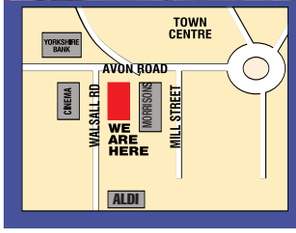

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Staff in line for award

HEALTH workers in Staffordshire are up for a top national award next week. Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust, which runs social care in the county, has been shortlisted for its work with Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service to raise awareness of people living with blindness and bad eyesight. The trust has been shortlisted in the category of NHS Collaboration, at the Health Business Awards 2015. The winners will be announced at the annual Health Business Awards ceremony being held in London on Thursday, December 3.

Culture of silence on abuse 'has now ended'

STAFFORDSHIRE is leading the way in tackling child sexual abuse as other police forces seek to learn from its pioneering strategy.

The county's Police and Crime Commissioner led a meeting in London on Monday for key national figures involved in the fight against child sexual exploitation. Staffordshire's multi-agency strategy is believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

By Marion Brennan

In February, figures showed there had been nearly 500 reports of child sex abuse made to Staffordshire Police in the previous 12 months. Force bosses have said the 'culture of silence' is over.

In that time 65 investigations had been launched across the county specifically into reports of online child sexual exploitation, including grooming and sharing indecent images.

The majority of the 473 reports were still being investigated but charges had been brought in 30 per cent of the cases. Almost half of the cases were historic.

Awareness

The new approach provides an overarching, joint document to gather information on how local organisations collectively address, measure and contribute to tackling the problem.

It covers prevention, education and awareness as well as identification and information-sharing, interventions and service commissioning. The framework is linked to Staffordshire's strategy.

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: "We are leading the way, establishing a co-ordinated approach to tackling sexual exploitation across agencies and organisations.

"There is a lot of interest around this framework created in Staffordshire, which aims to eradicate work in isolated, independent silos by those who deal with this area, across agencies and organisations.

"This is about creating a co-ordinated and effective response across agencies and is clear evidence that public services across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are strengthening their joint approach to stop child sexual exploitation."

Supporting victims and witnesses is one of four priorities in Mr Ellis's strategy for more effective policing and community safety in the county.

Children and their parents have spoken of their experiences in order to help either prevent others from being harmed or to improve their recovery. Professionals have also participated.

The framework was discussed on Monday at a meeting at the Local Government Association offices in London involving representatives from NHS England and social care organisations as well as the Home Office, Ministry of Justice, Ofsted, Department for Education, the Care Quality Commission and the College of Policing.

Apprenticeships for Chase area are welcomed

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has welcomed new figures showing 1,240 new apprenticeships were started by people in the district last year.

In total, 6,220 new apprenticeships have been started in Cannock Chase since 2010.

The district has the seventh highest number of total start-ups in the whole of the West Midlands and is in second place in Staffordshire, after Stoke-on-Trent North.

The figures showed a strong rise in the number of apprenticeships started – up 16.9 per cent in the West Midlands in 2014-15 from the year before. "This means more young people getting the skills they need to get on in life and make the most of their talents – as they do locally at Finning UK, Francesco Group or ATP Industries Group," Ms Milling said.

Deliver

"These figures are fantastic news.

"Apprenticeships are at the heart of my plan to deliver a more secure future for young people."

Anyone requiring more information about apprenticeships can call 01543 877142 or email amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk

Slice of married life for baker Lara

Baker Lara Mason with husband Nick and their wedding-day doubles made out of cake

SHE is the Brownhills baker who has meticulously created life-size sculptures of the likes of Jonny Depp, Jennifer Lawrence and Prince George.

But Lara Mason has just taken on the most demanding subjects yet – herself and her new husband.

The Tombola bingo worker of Hussey Road said she practically had no choice but to bake her own and 27-year-old Nick Mason's delicious doubles when the couple announced they were to be married.

And after they tied the knot in Malta last month, the 140kg mouthwatering masterpieces were unveiled when the pair welcomed family to a post-wedding party in Little Wyrley on Saturday. Lara said: "I have baked as a hobby for four years now.

"I have made loads of life-size cakes before with Prince George and Jennifer Lawrence being my most recognised. Everyone loved the cake. It was quirky and original, just like us really."

It is not the first time her cakes have caught the eye.

The 29-year-old, originally from Northern Ireland, recently licked the competition with her life-size cake of Prince George, a 3ft sponge replica of the young royal that won gold at Cake International, the biggest competition in the confectionary world's calendar, at Birmingham's NEC. The amateur baker was also busy in the kitchen earlier this year when she used 20 eggs and 1.5kg each of flour, butter and sugar to rustle up a Harry Potter bust to mark JK Rowling's 50th birthday. The sugar artwork took 10 hours alone to complete.

And in June she created a huge half-sized Land Rover to celebrate the two millionth Defender coming off the production line.

Lara shot to global fame in 2013 with her 5ft 5in Captain Jack Sparrow from Disney blockbuster Pirates of the Caribbean.

It scooped gold at the Cake International contest at the NEC in Birmingham.

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The Vaccines hit Civic like a whirlwind

The Vaccines can still rock up a storm — guitarist Freddie Cowan, left, and frontman Justin Hayward-Young in action

The Vaccines, Wolverhampton Civic Hall

IT was blowing a gale outside but it was raining beer inside the Civic as a boisterous crowd moshed along to The Vaccines with a 75-minute set so lively it made a foul Tuesday feel like New Year's Eve.

It was a nice touch to have the lights create the blue, white and red French Tricolore on the backdrop between bands in tribute to rock fans who were killed in Paris four nights earlier.

The headliners had help from two supports who did a good job of warming up the young crowd.

First up were New York trio Sunflower Bean who made amends for a name that sounds like a hippy-run coffee shop with some sizzling psychedelic-ish rock.

Watching them was like being transported into the universe of Scott Pilgrim due to the gauche glamour of singer/bassist/catwalk model Julia Cumming and the Michael Cera look of guitarist Nick Kivlen. He clearly has the good taste to be influenced by 1970s German band Neu. The debut album is due in February.

Palma Violets are a terrific live band. The London outfit's recorded output doesn't really do justice to the force of nature impact of their endearingly ramshackle stage presence.

With a two-for-one deal on frontmen, Samuel Fryer and rabble-rousing Alexander 'Chilli' Jesson, they swaggered and roared through a set that excitingly teetered on the edge of chaos.

London's The Vaccines hit the indie rock scene like a whirlwind a few years back and they can still rock up a storm, even though third album English Graffiti has taken them into a more commercial direction.

Opening with Handsome from the latest album was like going from 0 to 60 in an instant but they remained in top gear, singer Justin Hayward-Young commanding the stage, bouncing on his toes like a boxer, while Freddie Cowan struck guitar hero poses.

Older tracks like Post Break-Up Sex, Wet Suit, Ghost Town, Bad Mood and final encore Norgaard were the fans' favourites. But the anthemic Give Me A Sign showed that The Vaccines could still make the transition to stadium status.

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Pubs get makeover in £1 million investment

Bin lorries to roll out in deal

From left, John Williams, James East, Nigel Harris, Gary Brownridge, Iain Eadie and Bob Sweetland with the new recycling trucks

A NEW fleet of bin lorries will be used on routes in parts of Staffordshire after a deal was struck.

Lichfield District Council, which covers Burntwood and Chasetown, will share the vehicles with Tamworth Borough Council under the new set-up.

And the firm Specialist Fleet Services will provide the lorries.

The six-year contract hire agreement will start in February and involves providing 22 vehicles for the councils' shared refuse, recycling and street cleaning fleet. Waste management boss Councillor Iain Eadie said: "SFS offered the best value in terms of quality and price.

"We are delighted to be working with a new partner and we hope to further improve our efficiency and service to the public."

Bob Sweetland, managing director of SFS, said: "This is the first time we have worked with both councils and we are delighted to have won the contract. We will do our utmost to ensure that the new fleet delivers service improvements and efficiencies."

PUBS group Punch is creating 50 more jobs in time for Christmas with a £1 million investment in the Cannock and Walsall areas.

The Staffordshire-based group is spending money on a makeover of four of its pubs in Walsall and one in Hednesford ready for the festive season.

All within 10 miles of each other, the Hen House in Eskrett Street, Hednesford, The Shire Oak in Lichfield Road, Brownhills, The Watering Trough in Ablewell Street, Walsall, The Farmers Boy in Barns Lane, Rushall, and The Bowman in Myatt Avenue, Aldridge, are being given a new lease of life with refurbished premises.

In a further boost to the local community, a total of 50 jobs have been created across the venues.

The Shire Oak was the first to reopen its doors, last Thursday, following a £350,00 joint investment by Punch and local businessmen Kevin Brook and David Singh.

The rejuvenated pub has been transformed into a welcoming place for local people to eat and drink with a number of regular offers throughout the week.

Impressed

Weekly activities will include a quiz night every Sunday from 8pm and live sports broadcasts. A new internal layout has created designated dining and drinking areas, and the interior has been given a traditional design treatment with a modern twist.

Partner Kevin Brook, said: "The Shire Oak was in need of some TLC, and our customers, old and new, are really impressed with the result of the refurbishment.

"We are now able to offer a great fresh food menu. Those simply looking for a quiet drink are still able to join us in our separate bar area. I'd like to thank everyone for their support during the refurbishment programme and their positive feedback."

Stuart Plant, senior partnership development manager for Punch, said: "This is an exciting time for everyone involved in the revitalisation of these iconic community pubs.

"The £1 million investment demonstrates our faith and commitment to the area, and we are confident that the outstanding partners we have on board at each venue will continue to drive the businesses forward. The refurbishments at the remaining four venues will complete before Christmas."

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Town to get in festive mood

TWO events will be held in Burntwood on Saturday, December 5 to put people in the Christmas mood.

They are the result of co-operation between Burntwood Town Council and Burntwood Churches United.

At 2.30pm at Burntwood Leisure Centre, BCU will be hosting their Burntwood Christmas Celebration when three local schools will provide musical entertainment, and a magician will be entertaining the children, while the audience will be singing carols. Seating space is limited and a nominal charge of £1 will be made for adults. Refreshments will be provided by the leisure centre.

From 4.30pm onwards, at Sankey's Corner, families will be able to enjoy seasonal fun and entertainment provided by the Town Council.

"All in all, this will be a day to bring in December and get Burntwood folk looking towards Christmas," said Ian Hopkins of Burntwood Churches United.

Women earn £90 per week less than men

WOMEN workers in Staffordshire and the Black Country are earning almost £90 a week less than men, new figures have shown.

Data from the Office for National Statistics' annual Survey of Hours and Earnings show the widening gap between the sexes in the region. On average men who work full-time earn gross pay of £507.60 – a total of £87.78 more than female workers. The figures show that the gap is greatest in Staffordshire, where men earn £119.10 a week more than women. They also reveal that women in Wolverhampton are in the bottom two per cent of earners in the country.

There, they earn an average of £379.10 compared to men on £465.40.

And the gap has widened over the last 12 months, according to the figures, with men's wages increasing more than 0.5 per cent above those of women.

The difference flies in the face of the national trend, which shows that in April women's wages were 9.4 per cent below those of men, compared with 10 per cent the previous year.

Trade union bosses have described the figures as 'shocking' and say some areas in the region are 'going backwards' when it comes to bridging the gender pay gap.

Across the country the median weekly pay for all full-time employees was £527.70 – up by 1.8 per cent from 2014. It was £53.92 less throughout Staffordshire and the Black Country at £473.78.

Walsall saw the biggest rise across the region, with workers earning £475.90 – almost eight per cent more than the previous year.

In Dudley the annual increase was six per cent – up to £499.40 – while in Sandwell wages went up by 4.3 per cent to £453.

Staffordshire workers saw a 1.5 per cent rise to £506.40. The only local authority to see wages fall in the West Midlands was Wolverhampton.

Dozens brave weather for Rotary's road race

Rotary Club President Ian Hall with winners Remi Flavell and Mathew Williams

MORE than 220 runners braved the elements for the annual Rotary Club of Cannock charity 10k road race.

A field of athletes, from club and recreation runners, took part on roads across Cannock Chase for the sixth such event last Sunday. Ages ranged from 16 to 80, with participants travelling from as fas as Leeds to enter.

The overall winner in a time of 34.14 minutes was Mathew Williams of Nottingham AC, while the winner of the ladies event was a local 16-year-old girl Remi Flavell in 40.21 minutes. Remi is on the UK Athletics apprenticeship scheme at University College Birmingham and runs for Birchfield Harriers. Stanley Bourn, aged 80, ran the race in a 69.57 minutes.

A Rotary Club spokesman said: "The race is now an established event on the local running circuit. "

The event has raised £1,800 which will be used to support good causes. For more information on Cannock Rotary is available at www.cannockrotary.co.uk or on Facebook.

Club fundraiser

A FUNDRAISING event will be held at Hawkins Social Club, Cheslyn Hay, on December 4 from 7.30pm to 12.30am. It is for adults only and features a DJ and drag act. Proceeds go to the KIDS charity for disabled children. Call 07770 834626.

Shop marks its 25 years

A SHOP raising cash for the British Heart Foundation in Cannock has marked its 25th anniversary.

Staff and volunteers celebrated the occasion with tea and cake at the branch in Market Place.

Area manager Marcie Somel said she was grateful for the town's support.

"We've enjoyed a fantastic 25 years of business in the Cannock shop," she said.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal customers and volunteers."

Vehicle driving home road safety message

A MODIFIED vehicle used to simulate road traffic collisions is driving home life-saving messages to young people during Road Safety Week, which ends on Sunday.

The vehicle, which has been designed to have its doors removed, demonstrates procedures used by firefighters in the event of a road accident.

The vehicle will be driving home safety messages to participants on the fire service's Prince's Trust programme as they take part in a young drivers course at Rugeley community fire station today.

It will form part of the 'Fatal Four' safety event which highlights the risks drivers face if they use a mobile phone while behind the wheel, become distracted by passengers, flout the speed limit, or drive while they are under the influence of drink or drugs. Further road safety events will take place in Rugeley town centre tomorrow and in Halfords throughout Road Safety Week.

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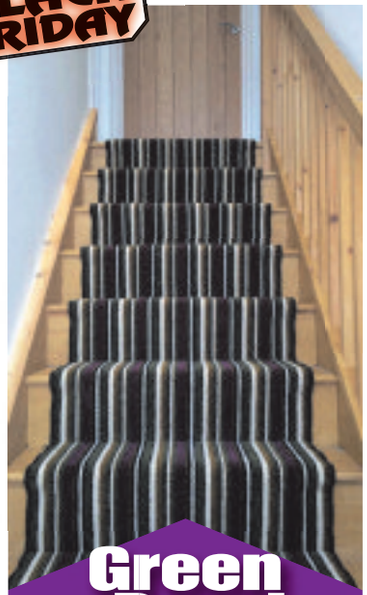

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Ellie joins the pop elite with Delirium

ALBUM REVIEWS

by Leon Burakowski

Ellie Goulding — her devotion to dance music is still apparent on Delirium

ELLIE Goulding finally makes the transition to fully-fledged stadium level premier league pop star with Delirium, her third album.

The folky tinge to her voice remains and her love of dance music is still apparent on Devotion. But the the 28-year-old singer from Herefordshire on this album totally embraces synth pop, exemplified by tracks such as Codes.

And she has the anthems to put her in the same ballpark as top modern pop like Taylor Swift's 1989 album, thanks to sure-bet hits like Scream It Out, the gospel-tinged Holding On For Life and the Shake It Off-like Around U.

Ellie Goulding plays Birmingham Barclaycard Arena on March 21 to complete the upward trajectory that started as support act for Little Boots in the Wulfrun Hall a couple of years back.

Cat-in-the-hat jazz singer **Gregory Porter** with the creamy rich vocal has a Special Edition of his Grammy Award-winning 2014 album Liquid Spirit out.

The revamp enhances that set of sophisticated soul-infused songs, including the stand-out finger-snapping title track, mellow love song Hey Laura and a groovy revamp of Northern Soul classic The In Crowd. Added are such standards as When You Wish Upon A Star, Fly Me To The Moon and Puttin On The Ritz.

The bonus tracks also include the Californian singer's collaboration with Jamie Cullum on Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood. Gregory Porter will be in concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on April 24.

Finnish metal quartet **Grave Pleasures** come across like a hard rock Roxy Music on their album Dreamcrash due to their English singer Mat McNerney.

Manchester band **Postcards From Jeff** make indie rock in the style of Kitchens Of Distinction and The Editors on their debut Modern Language but are let down by dreary vocals.

Those pining for good old fashioned bluesy rock should check out **Barrence Whitfield & The Savages** on their raw and rocking album Under The Savage Sky.

Recently seen supporting James Bay, retro styled singer **Elle King** is pitched somewhere between Imelda May and Meghan Trainor, a rock chick from rural Ohio who shows promise on her debut Love Stuff, particularly on the banjo-plucking Song of Sorrow, but is not quite the finished article.

Best known for Northern Soul classic Tainted Love, American singer **Gloria Jones** was also a backing singer for glam rock stars T Rex and became the girlfriend of Marc Bolan. This CD two-for-one reissues her mid 70s albums Vixen and Windstorm plus bonus tracks. Only made two years apart yet these are very different albums. Vixen is caught between glam rock and disco, not doing justice by either genre, including a weak revamp of Tainted Love and a dire disco version of Get It On (the funkier version on Part 2 fares better).

But the other songs provided by Bolan, such as Drive Me Crazy Disco Lady, Tell Me Now and Sailors Of The Highway will be of interest to Bolan fans. There is also a decent version of 60s classic Go Now.

Windstorm, recorded by Jones on returning to America after Bolan's death, is a much classier affair, slick soulful disco with input from such first class musicians as Joe Sample from The Crusaders, Raydio's Ray Parker Jr and several Motown veterans.

Kool & The Gang were masters of feel-good soul-pop and a remastered reissue of their 1983 album In The Heart, featuring the hits Joanna, Tonight and Straight Ahead, still sounds good more than 30 years later. This set also includes bonus 12in mixes including the classic Ladies Night.

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Signing of charter to kick-start partnership

A NEW organisation which unites people working towards a better future for Hednesford is set to be officially launched with the signing of a town charter.

An umbrella group called Hednesford in Partnership (HiP) has been created, and participants will include members from Hednesford Town Council, The Heart of Hednesford Restoration Project, Hednesford Traders' Association and The Friends of Hednesford Park.

A charter for the town will be displayed, outlining aims and objectives for the future, with specially invited guests from local organisations pledging their support at the launch event today at Pye Green Community Centre.

Following the signing of the charter, a formal constitution will be drawn up to include means of representation and how practically the partnership can be administered and managed.

HiP interim chairman Carol Owen said: "The members of this new organisation should ideally be individuals with key roles in existing groups and organisations."

Hednesford town councillor Brian Gamble said: "It's great to see so many people cooperating for the good of the community.

"We're proud of how hard volunteers for various brilliant groups work throughout the town," he added.

Date set for new play area launch at £2m revamp park

THE £2 million transformation of Hednesford Park is rapidly taking shape – with a new play area set to be unveiled next month.

An event on December 3 will mark the opening of the facility. And as the final touches are added to the nearby pavilion, council bosses and the Friends of Hednesford Park have spoken of their delight.

The pavilion, which has provided changing rooms for sports teams to play at the park, will have a new ground-floor cafe and community room when the work is finished. It is set to open in spring.

The building has been rebuilt in the past having been targeted by arsonists and it is hoped the new facility will usher in a fresh era at the park, bringing in a whole host of visitors.

Volunteers and local schoolchildren helped to plant a privet hedge around the park's adventure playground. Pupils from Hednesford Valley High School were involved in the work, as part of the finishing stages of that part of the park's regeneration.

Councillor John Kraujalis, who represents Cannock South on the district council, said there had been a 'real community effort' involving the Friends of Hednesford Park, schools in the area and the local authority.

By Jordan Harris

The park was awarded £2.2 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2012, with the money being used to fund the works.

A new skate park has been created on site, as well as a new car park, while new tennis courts have also been installed.

The children's play area has been relocated to the centre of the park with the equipment updated.

Ahead of the opening event for the play area, Friends of Hednesford Park member Cindy Faulkner said: "It has been absolutely fantastic to see this play area transform from nothing at all into a magical place which I am sure the children will love.

"Local children have been involved with the design of the play area from day one and I can't wait to see them explore the site."

Andy Dale, centre, a teacher at Hednesford Valley High, with pupil Jack Dewsbury and, from left, Friends of Hednesford Park volunteers John Jones, Tony Guy and Charles Foye

Coalfields group work welcomed

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has shown her support for the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

Since the organisation was established in 1999 it has supported 25,342 people into work and has created or safeguarded a further 5,375 jobs.

"It is clear that residents of Cannock are very receptive to the support that is offered to them," Ms Milling said.

"We can achieve great things when we work with organisations like the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

"I would like to take this opportunity to show my support for the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and the work that they do."

Trust chairman Peter McNestry said: "The statistics have shown that residents of the coalfields simply want the opportunity to get back on their feet."

For more information about the Coalfields Regeneration Trust visit www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

Indie band to play gig

MODERN indie rock band The Rock Dogs will be playing live at The Talbot in Heath Hayes on Saturday.

The band play covers from Kings of Leon, Oasis, Maroon 5 and The Foo Fighters among others. Admission is free and there is a late bar. The band are on stage from 9pm.

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Chicago cast ready to razzle dazzle

Chicago line-up — Hayley Tamaddon as Roxie, John Partridge as Billy Flynn and Sam Bailey as Mama Morton

X Factor winner Sam Bailey will be swapping her former real life role as a prison officer to play an inmate when the musical Chicago comes to Wolverhampton on tour.

The singer will play cell block boss Mama Morton when the 1920s-set jazz musical is staged at the Grand Theatre next summer.

Sam Bailey worked as a prison officer at HM Prison Gartree for three years until 2013. At the end of that year Sam won the tenth series of the X Factor receiving more than a million votes over the course of the final weekend.

Chart-topper

Following her win, her debut single Skyscraper was the Christmas chart-topper and was followed in 2014 with her debut album, The Power of Love, reaching number one in the album charts.

Hot shot lawyer Billy Flynn will be played by EastEnders actor John Partridge and Coronation Street's Hayley Tamaddon will play nightclub singer turned killer Roxie Hart.

Kander and Ebb's hit show, which was also made into a movie, features famous choreography by Bob Fosse, which recently inspired Georgia Mae Foote and Giovanni Pernice's Charleston on Strictly Come Dancing.

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Joey Brew holding the jigsaw below the bridge it depicts

Barry Freeman's painting End of an Era, featuring the Defiant locomotive

Centre puts pieces together to bridge gap from end of an era

The 'Meccano' bridge under construction 100 years ago

The coal yard at Newbridge, by the old canal bridge

IN the summer of 1947, the Great Western Railway Castle Class locomotive Defiant hauled a passenger train from Tettenhall Station, crossing the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal on the Warren Truss girder bridge.

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It was the end of an era in another sense, as the very last flights of any Defiant aircraft, after which the locomotive was named, were made at this time from Pendeford airfield, only half a mile away, where Boulton Paul still used one of two for development work.

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

The Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre – based near the canal at the Smestow Valley local nature reserve – discovered that a marvellous painting depicting the historic scene, painted by local artist, Barry Freeman had been made into a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle.

Immediately they secured a stock for sale in their shop, ready for Christmas, and to publicise it's existence to locals who know the Meccano bridge so well. The Meccano Bridge now carries the Smestow Valley foot/cycle path across the canal.

It was built a hundred years ago to carry what was built as the Wolverhampton to Bridgnorth Railway, though the branch from Wombourne to Bridgnorth was never actually completed.

The next bridge over the canal to the East was built, along with the canal, in 1772, to carry the London to Holyhead Road, and alongside that, as at most canal/road junctions in the town, there was a coal yard, on the site of the current MS Centre.

Right next to the 1772 bridge is the New Bridge, carrying Thomas Telford's road below The Rock.

However the bridge carrying the road now, is not Telford's bridge, which gave the area its name, because that was knocked down in 1930, along with the Newbridge pub which was built on the end of it, and was replaced with the bridge we have today, a new Newbridge pub being built over the road.

A little nearer the Rock yet another bridge carries the Tettenhall road over the old railway line as well, and yet such is the design of the main road, many people driving along it each day would struggle to realise what a cluster of bridges there are.

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Alec Brew seen inside the centre

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Friends group delighted by fundraiser

Committee members, from left, treasurer Trish Mellor, secretary Lyn Williams and chairman Janette Arrowsmith

CANNOCK Friends of St Giles Hospice held a successful coffee morning at the home of their chairman, Janette Arrowsmith.

Everyone enjoyed coffee and home-made cakes, brought for and bought from the Bring & Buy stall, had an opportunity to try out beauty products from Tropic and took part in a 100 square raffle to win a De-Luxe box of Tropic products which the winner was absolutely delighted with.

The morning raised £370.80 which organisers said was 'a wonderful amount'.

A little of the money raised will be used to provide refreshments at the annual Light up a Life service organised by St Giles Hospice and the Cannock Friends' of St Giles at St Luke's Church in Cannock, which this year will be held on Sunday, December 13.

The service begins at 6pm with the church open from 5.15pm. Cannock Friends of St Giles and members of the Rotary and Soroptimist International clubs of Cannock will welcome all those who attend with orders of service and a candle to remember the life of a loved one.

There will be a change this year as everything will be contained within the church.

The Book of Remembrance will be in the Lady Chapel and can be viewed before and after the service. Many people have the name of a loved one recorded in the book, which will be arranged via St Giles.

The person remembered does not have to have been looked after by the hospice or any of their outreach services.

In previous years, the St Giles 'shop' and refreshments have been available after the service in the church centre – this year these too will be available in the church, following the service. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are provided by Cannock Friends of St Giles.

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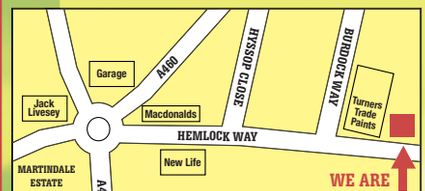

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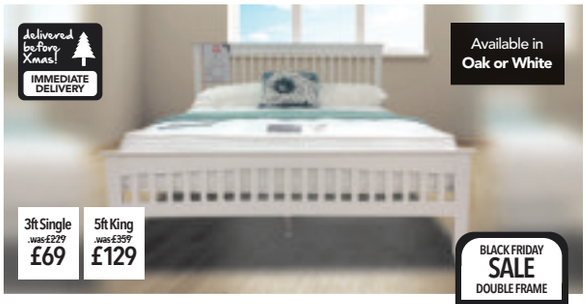

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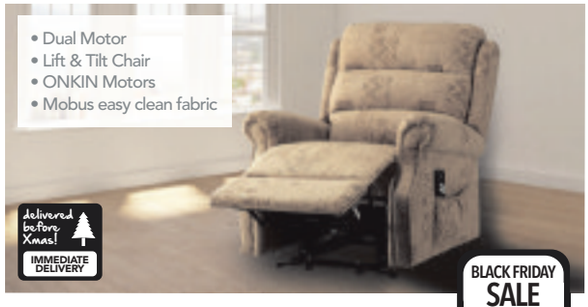

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Ballet's Christmas cracker returns

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet have brought their annual Christmas treat, The Nutcracker, to Birmingham Hippodrome.

The sumptuous fantasy danced to the music of Tchaikovsky will be staged from tomorrow (Fri) until Sunday, December 13.

In 1990 Sadlers Wells Royal Ballet moved from London the West Midlands to become Birmingham Royal Ballet in what was described as 'the arts coup of the decade'.

In celebration of this momentous occasion Sir Peter Wright assembled a stellar creative team, including designer John F Macfarlane, to create his famous production of The Nutcracker for the city of Birmingham.

A quarter of a century later, the classic production which has captured the hearts and imaginations of generations of theatregoers returns to the BRB's home theatre to celebrate its silver anniversary.

In what has now become an annual tradition for many families, Sir Peter's production will have been performed in Birmingham a total of 429 times during its 25 sparkling years.

The spectacular sets and costumes see magical creatures come to life, flurries of snow sweep across the stage and an unforgettable transformation sequence with gigantic Christmas tree, which have helped make this production become widely regarded as one of the best in the world.

The Nutcracker tells the tale of young Clara and her Christmas gift of a nutcracker doll, which she receives at a family Christmas party from a mysterious magician. When she sneaks downstairs to play with her doll, on the stroke of midnight she is shrunk to the size of her doll, which must defend her against King Rat's army. Se is swept up in a fantastical journey to a magical land where she meets the Snow Fairy, the Sugar Plum Fairy and, of course, her handsome prince.

Tickets range from £19 to £56 and there will be matinees as well as the nightly 7.30pm performances. Contact the Hurst Street theatre via Birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

A magical scene from The Nutcracker with Jenna Roberts as the Snow Fairy

Country life for Outsider Sarah

SHE has picked up numerous awards for her witty humour and frankness on her day to day life, so it is no wonder Sarah Millican has her sell-out crowds crying with laughter.

There was no stopping the Geordie lass in entertaining her audience with her side-splitting antics at her recent gig in Telford, and fans of her no-nonsense approach are in for a treat when she performs at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tomorrow (Fri) and Saturday night.

The TV and radio comedy panel regular is currently touring on her latest show Sarah Millican: Outsider which draws upon her recent move to the countryside for some of the biggest laughs.

Her show focused on her family life, tales of her cats: Brody and Ripley, her dog and her new husband. But the comedienne also covers thornier issues, such as body image to bullying. The South Shields comic may also reveal why she was pleased to turn 40 this year.

Sarah has appeared at The Royal Variety Performance and her debut DVD, Chatterbox Live, became the biggest selling stand-up DVD by a female comedian. She has released three more since. She has notched up appearances on top TV shows including QI, Mock the Week, Have I Got News For You, 8 Out of 10 Cats, Live at the Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, and has chatted to Graham Norton, Jonathan Ross and Alan Carr on their respective chat shows

Sarah's skills are in constantly keeping her audience on their toes with her constant down to earth comedy.

Tar very much for these rock veterans

KEY gigs over the next few days include wry Australian indie rocker Courtney Barnett at the Wulfrun Hall tomorrow (Fri), 80s synth popsters China Crisis at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Sunday and folk-rockers The Waterboys at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Monday.

Punk rock stalwarts in The Jack Tars at Robin 2 on Wednesday include Captain Sensible, Mike Peters and Slim Jim Phantom. Rock veteran Joe Brown will be looking back over a career that stretches from the 1950s, and no doubt plucking his ukulele, at Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday, and Josh Groban will sing show tunes at a sold out Symphony Hall on Sunday.

Comedian Dave gets to the point

FANS have two chances to catch stand-up comedian Dave Gorman in the West Midlands on his latest tour, following the success of his Googlewhack and Modern Life Is Goodish shows.

This time the comic from Stafford will use the medium of Powerpoint to reveal his ideas.

Dave Gorman Gets Straight to the Point tonight (Thu) at Birmingham's Symphony Hall and again at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton on Sunday.

Upcoming comedy shows include Sarah Millican (see above), Stewart Francis' Pun Gent Tour at Symphony Hall on December 3, Noel Fielding at the Civic Hall on December 5.

Young Fathers to join the Modfather

THE Modfather himself, Paul Weller, will be in concert at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham city centre tomorrow (Fri).

The former Jam man's last single was I'm Where I Should Be from his acclaimed 2015 album Saturn's Pattern, and it will be followed by Pick It Up next month.

Weller will be supported by Scottish trio Young Fathers who won the Mercury Prize for debut album Dead last year and this year released second album White Men Are Black Men Too.

It's full-on dance-rock at the Barclaycard Arena with Faithless on December 2 and The Prodigy on December 3.

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LOOKING across across rolling green countryside to the imposing western fells of the Lake District, I remarked: "That's a fantastic view."

By Bill McCarthy

"It's the best in the country," replied the host. He certainly had a point. The five-star, multi-award winning Hazel Bank Country House Hotel in Borrowdale has a spectacular vista in virtually any direction. We were about to see a lot of it by bus and boat.

There is no doubt that Lakeland enjoys some of the finest scenery in the country, if not the world, which is why it attracts visitors from all corners of the globe.

With its spectacular mountains and fells, picture postcard lakes and narrow tortuous roads it offers something for just about everyone, even if you have to pack your waterproofs much of the time. Walkers, climbers, sailors, rowers, poets and literary giants have all found something to inspire them. Philanthropist John Ruskin and poet Williams Wordsworth put down lasting roots in the area as did children's novelist Beatrix Potter.

Lakeland is not huge and with millions of visitors, many using their cars on the twisty roads and fearsome passes, it can turn a holiday into a traffic-dodging nightmare. So a new initiative to get people more in touch with nature and out of their vehicles has been launched.

The new 'See More' project funded by the Department of Transport is encouraging visitors to leave cars at their hotels and find new ways to explore the Lake District and Cumbria. New additions for 2015 include a tour bus exploring the North Lakes and extended early evening services on the 'hop on, hop off' Honister Rambler bus service, alongside regular cruises on Derwentwater aboard the Keswick Launch.

Our attempt at dumping the car took us to the swish hotel at Rosthwaite in Borrowdale. The seven-bedroom establishment offers five-star accommodation and cuisine for those looking for a quiet break away from it all or more vigorous walks and climbs.

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The family-run establishment offers bespoke rooms with the highest level of fixtures and fittings. A true family establishment, host Gary MacCrae is a Keswick man who knows the area like the back of his hand. He is front of house, his wife Donna does the cooking and their family fill in at various points.

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CHOICE

Peter Capaldi

Doctor Who (BBC1, 8.05pm)

The Doctor faces the greatest challenge of his many lives when he is trapped, alone, in a world unlike any he has ever seen. Pursued by a fearsome creature known only as 'the Veil', the Time Lord must attempt the impossible in one final test, and if he makes it through, the long-lost world of Gallifrey is waiting. Peter Capaldi takes centre-stage in what is effectively a one-man episode for the first half of this year's series finale.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Qualifying. The battle for pole in the final round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.05** Tennis: Davis Cup Final. Belgium v Great Britain. **5.10** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. David Coulthard, Mark Webber, Allan McNish, Claire Williams, Murray Walker, Nigel Mansell, Christian Horner and Suzi Perry take part in a Formula One-themed edition of the quiz.

6.50 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as the pro-celebrity dancing contest returns home to the studio following the trip away to Blackpool's Tower Ballroom. While the remaining seven couples might have come back to more familiar surroundings, there's no less glamour on offer, as Len Goodman, Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood appraise their performances in Ballroom and Latin routines. The stars are also given a chance to improve their initial scores in a Quickstepathon. Once all the competitors have had a second chance to dance, the viewing public will decide which two pairs will face each other in tomorrow's dance-off, which as ever will see one unlucky duo leave the contest.

8.05 Doctor Who. The Doctor is stranded alone on a strange world, and must face a creature known only as "the Veil" as his quest to return to Gallifrey grows closer to a conclusion than ever before.

9.00 Casualty. Cal contests the outcome of Matilda's paternity test, and makes a shocking discovery about his own history in the process. Meanwhile, Jacob proves he is now in control of his anger.

9.50 The National Lottery Live. Special guest Jason Donovan performs live.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Highlights of Manchester City v Southampton and Leicester City v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Apprentice. (R)

12.40 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 Race to Super Bowl 50. **6.55 Film:** Tennessee's Partner. (1955) **8.20** Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Practice Two. **9.55** Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Practice Three. **11.05** F1 Rewind – Amazing Races. **12.05** Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) **12.35** Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) **1.05** Live Snooker: UK Championship. The second round gets under way at the Barbican Centre in York. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** Flog It! **5.40** The Great Pottery Throw Down. (R)

6.40 Great Continental Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo traces the early 20th-century roots of the Spanish Civil War, which divided his family and sent his father into exile. The former politician discovers a nation fractured at the time by social tensions and regional loyalties, which today offer a rich diversity of cultures to delight the tourist. After arriving in Majorca from Barcelona, Michael spoils himself enjoying spectacular scenic views aboard a 1912 vintage railway and a 1913 tram. Last in the series. (R)

7.40 Japan: Earth's Enchanted Islands. Michelle Dockery narrates a documentary examining the wildlife of the east Asian country, beginning with the animals that live on the island of Honshu. (R)

8.40 Dad's Army. Walker is caught smuggling Italian PoWs out of camp at night, but far from being a traitor, he is furthering the war effort – and making some money on the side. (R)

9.10 QI XL. Bill Bailey, Jo Brand and Greg Davies join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Stephen Fry to meander through miscellaneous marriage and mating matters.

9.55 Film: Papadopoulos & Sons. (2012) Premiere. A Greek millionaire loses everything he has in a financial crisis, leaving him with only one asset – his share in the fish and chip shop his father used to run. He is forced to return to his roots and work with his laidback brother to revive the family business. Comedy, starring Stephen Dillane.

11.40 Snooker: UK Championship. Action from the second round at the Barbican Centre in York.

12.30 Snooker: UK Championship Extra. **2.30** This Is BBC Two. **5.45** The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Adventure Time. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.45** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.45** Doc Martin. (R) **3.45** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Actress Sally Phillips, musician Rick Wakeman, professional snowboarder Jenny Jones and impressionist Alistair McGowan pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser, as Bradley Walsh hosts another star-studded edition of the show.

8.00 The X Factor. This year's live show phase continues, as the remaining would-be stars face the fifth round of pulse-quickening performances. As ever, Simon Cowell, Nick Grimshaw, Rita Ora and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini are on hand to appraise the competitor's talents, and presenters Caroline Flack and Olly Murs offer the singers much-needed moral support on-stage. As always, tomorrow's show will see yet another act eliminated following another tense sing-off.

9.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle.

10.45 The Jonathan Ross Show. Luther star Idris Elba joins Jonathan in the studio, along with Celebrity Juice host Keith Lemon, Hollywood actress Liv Tyler and wildlife documentarian David Attenborough.

11.50 ITV News; Weather.**12.05** Jackpot247. **3.00** Show Me the Telly. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Race of Champions 2015. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury and Newcastle. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me. Speed-dating expert Nikki Yucel hosts the final dinner party in Ipswich, and Kerrie Pankhurst reveals her feelings for another diner before the winner is announced. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 The World's Weirdest Weather. Examining strange weather events from around the world, including cities buried in snow, plagues of locusts falling from the sky, and changes in temperature that boil lakes and leave frogs frozen solid.

8.00 Grand Designs: House of the Year. Kevin McCloud visits three more houses competing for a place on the finalist shortlist, including a timber and steel clad home in Dungeness, a pink brick house in Belfast, and an 18th century converted mill in rural Scotland. At the end of the show he announces the overall winner of the Royal Institute of British Architects House of the Year 2015, before visiting the house and discovering why it has been crowned the best new home in Britain. Last in the series. (R)

9.00 Film: 2 Guns. (2013) Premiere. Two undercover agents – one working for the DEA the other for the Navy – infiltrate a drug cartel, only for the planned sting operation to go disastrously wrong. Both operatives become fugitives and must work together to survive – but both keep their true identity a secret, mistakenly thinking the other is a real criminal. Action adventure, starring Denzel Washington.

11.10 TFI Friday. Chris Evans hosts the lively entertainment show, featuring Wolf Alice. (R)

12.15 Film: Easy A. (2010) **2.00** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **2.55** Fargo. (R) **3.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.55** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.30** The Saturday Show. **11.40 Film:** Annie Claus Is Coming to Town. (2011) Christmas fantasy, starring Maria Thayer. **1.30 Film:** The Christmas Shepherd. (2014) Drama, starring Teri Polo. **3.20 Film:** Finding Mrs Claus. (2012) Premiere. Comedy, starring Mira Sorvino. **5.10 Film:** Christmas in Conway. (2013) Premiere. Festive romantic drama, starring Andy Garcia.

7.00 5 News Weekend.

7.05 Police Interceptors: Under Attack. Special episode featuring footage of members of the unit coming under attack while trying to keep the bad guys off the streets, from axe-wielding criminals to thugs who are handy with their fists. (R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Delroy and Kevin face a web of deceit in an Italian delicatessen in South London as they chase a huge debt amounting to £29,000. Meanwhile, Steve and Paul must evict a tenant in North London who has not paid her rent for over 18 months, before heading to Cambridgeshire to make one of their most emotional evictions to date. Plus, Brian and Delroy track down a pensioner in Surrey who owes £15,000 for a business he bought four years ago. (R)

9.00 Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Huddersfield Town v Middlesbrough, Queens Park Rangers v Leeds United, Barnsley v Sheffield United and Plymouth Argyle v Leyton Orient. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers.

10.20 TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks. A countdown of illusions that have stood the test of time on the small screen, featuring Penn and Teller, Derren Brown, David Blaine, Paul Daniels and Dynamo. (R)

1.05 The Gadget Show. Jon Bentley explores the latest technology for the home. (R) **1.55** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Sepp Blatter Exposed: The Fall of FIFA. (R) **4.00** Gypsies on Benefits & Proud. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth **7.15** Don't Tell the Bride **8.15** Top Gear India Special **9.45** Live at the Apollo **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **1.15** Josh **1.45** Rent a Cop **2.15** The Fear **2.45** Live at the Apollo **3.30** Russell Howard's Good News **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World **8.00** Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Catching History's Criminals: The Forensics Story **12.00** Burt Bacharach: A Life in Song **1.30** Top of the Pops: 1980 **2.05** Easy Listening Hits at the BBC **3.05** Sounds of the 70s **3.35** Close

ITV2

12.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **1.30** The Xtra Factor **2.30** Little Mix: The Hot Desk **2.45** Scorpion **3.40** You've Been Framed! **4.10** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.40 Film:** Hulk (2003) **8.25 Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **10.45** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.50** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.50** Plebs **1.45** Viral Tap **2.25** Animal Practice **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.35 A Touch of Frost **3.45 Film:** Columbo: Identity Crisis (1975) **5.50** Wycliffe **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Colditz **11.00** Lewis **1.00** Wycliffe **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.45 Live Darts: Players Championship. The opening second-round matches. **5.00** Storage Wars: New York **6.00** Fifth Gear **7.00** Live Darts: Players Championship. The concluding second-round matches. **11.00 Film:** Midnight Run (1988) **1.35** The Big Fish Off **2.35** Movies Now **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4

11.35 Couples Come Dine with Me **1.35** The Goldbergs **2.30 Film:** Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) **4.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Shallow Hal (2001) **10.15** Gogglebox **12.25** The Inbetweeners **1.30** The IT Crowd **2.30** Drifters **2.55** Rules of Engagement **4.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.55** Revenge

Film4

11.00 Meet Dave (2008) **1.00** ParaNorman (2012) **2.50** Time Bandits (1981) **5.05** Congo (1995) **7.20** Zoolander (2001) **9.00** The Iceman (2012) **11.10** American Mary (2012) **1.15** Dorian Gray (2009) **3.35** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV NOVEMBER 29

CHOICE

Guy Martin

Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber (Channel 4, 7.30pm)

It may not have the same name recognition of the Spitfire, but the Vulcan plane played a vital role in protecting UK interests during the Cold War era, and was also responsible for the longest raid in British military history when it was used to attack enemy targets in the Falkland Islands. So, it was only fitting that the last airworthy Vulcan bomber, the XH558, was given decent send-off. In the run-up to its final flight, engineer Guy Martin is given unprecedented access to the aircraft, learning more about its history and talking to the crews who faced the awesome responsibility of potentially dropping nuclear bombs. He also gets to fly in formation with the Vulcan.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Shane Lynch. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.10** Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. The final round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** Escape to the Country. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** The Hunt. (R) **5.50** BBC News.

6.10 Regional Programme.

6.20 Countryfile. John Craven visits a seed bank in Shropshire, where the Woodland Trust is working to preserve Britain's endangered trees. Ellie Harrison meets artist Matt Sewell and learns how he captures the character of birds in his art. Adam Henson investigates a plan to paint cattle to make them more visible to drivers at night, and Tom Heap reports on plans to use insects as feed for farm animals. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of last night's votes, before the two lowest scoring pairs compete in a dance-off. Plus, a musical performance from Adam Lambert.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the second visit in this series to Plas Newydd on the Isle of Anglesey. The team examine rarities including a cabinet with a secret function, a magazine rack made by celebrated designer Piero Fornasetti, a collection of historical items related to deafness, a Chinese silver punchbowl and a photo that has a connection to the Apollo 11 mission.

9.00 The Hunt. Animals on the hunt in deserts and grasslands, where neither predator or prey has anywhere to hide. Featuring footage of cheetahs, eagles, lions, hot rod ants and headlight beetles.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman introduces highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea at White Hart Lane and Norwich City v Arsenal at Carrow Road.

11.50 Citizen Khan. Mr Khan opens a fried chicken shop. (R)

12.20 The Graham Norton Show. (R) **1.05** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **7.30** Countryfile. (R) **8.30** An Island Parish: Falklands. (R) **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.30** Simply Nigella. (R) **11.00** My Life on a Plate; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **11.50** Tennis: Davis Cup Final. **3.15** Football: Women's Euro 2017 Qualifiers. England v Bosnia and Herzegovina (Kick-off 3.30pm). **5.25** Live Snooker: UK Championship.

7.00 Robert Peston Goes Shopping. The history of the retail trade in Britain concludes with a look at how the high street has been hit hard in recent times by the rise in online shopping and the financial crash. From Amazon to Zavvi, and the world's first pop-up mall in east London, Robert shows how the everyday shopping experience has changed and predicts how people will buy their goods in the future. Contributors include Amazon's UK MD Christopher North, ASOS boss Nick Robertson, and Sainsbury's chief Justin King. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Ireland with Simon Reeve. Part two of two. The second leg of Simon's journey begins at the Giant's Causeway, before visiting a kelp farm on Rathlin Island. He heads to the Dark Hedges in Co Antrim, one of the filming locations from Game of Thrones, and visits Belfast for the July 12 Festivities, discovering how the event has divided the city. He also learns more about Cromwell's influence on Ireland, attends the Gaze film festival, and meets monkeys at an animal sanctuary in the Wicklow mountains.

9.00 The Secret History of the British Garden. The extraordinary changes that occurred in the 19th century, as advances in technology made gardens more lavish, but also more widely available. Monty pays a visit to Queen Victoria's royal retreat at Osborne and Derby's Arboretum, which was the country's first public park. He also investigates the scientific secrets behind the establishment of botanical gardens in Kew and Edinburgh.

10.00 Film: The Cider House Rules. (1999) Drama, starring Tobey Maguire and Michael Caine.

12.00 Snooker: UK Championship. **12.50** Snooker: UK Championship Extra. **2.50** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.45** Holby City. (R) **4.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Fish Hooks. **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** The Chase. (R) **2.35** The X Factor. (R) **4.20 Film:** The Mummy Returns. (2001) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser.

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Jekyll and Hyde. Robert is tormented by the recent tragedies that have befallen him, causing him to lose control of his transformations. Bulstrode reveals that military intelligence is holding Ravi prisoner, but will release him in return for Robert's help in investigating a series of strange killings. Robert takes on the case, and joins forces a vigilante also on the murderer's trail – but when the truth behind the slaughter emerges, it leads to his new ally becoming a dangerous threat that Bulstrode wants eliminated.

8.00 The X Factor. Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present last night's results, before the two lowest scoring acts compete against each other to decide who will be eliminated from the contest.

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present as the second week of the celebrity challenge draws to a close. The famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle, struggling to complete the tough daily tasks and dreaded Bushtucker Trials, but has anyone emerged as the viewers' favourite and a possible king or queen?

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Off Their Rockers. Royston invents the ultimate mobile phone case. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the latest round of fixtures in England's top flight.

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **6.05** The King of Queens. (R) **6.25** The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** Race of Champions 2015. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.45** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** Emergency Animal Hospital. **3.20 Film:** Parental Guidance. (2012) Premiere. Comedy, with Billy Crystal and Bette Midler. **5.25 Film:** Sister Act. (1992) Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg.

7.15 Channel 4 News.

7.30 Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber. The mechanic joins a select crew of engineers working to prepare the last Vulcan bomber that is capable of flight for a farewell tour of the UK. The programme features contributions from former crew members, who recall its service in conflicts from the 1950s to the Falklands, as well as serving as Britain's nuclear deterrent.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie realises that she urgently needs Allison's help, while Quinn's plans undergo a significant change. Claire Danes, Miranda Otto, Rupert Friend and Sebastian Koch star.

10.05 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)

11.10 Film: Bullet to the Head. (2012) A hitman and a police detective join forces to seek revenge on the man who murdered both their partners. Action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone, Sung Kang and Christian Slater.

12.50 Grand Designs Australia. Peter Maddison meets Sarah and Alistair Brodie-Fraser, a couple planning to build an English-style farmhouse in Queensland. **1.45** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. Featuring a man who only cleans his kitchen at Easter and Christmas, and a woman whose three-bedroom flat has not been given proper attention in 19 years. (R) **2.40** Four in a Bed. (R) **4.55** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. Using squid to prepare recipes. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. Players try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes, a – if they are brave enough to buy it with what they have won. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.30** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.40** Zack and Quack. (R) **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.00** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.15** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.25** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **9.00** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Football League Tonight. (R) **12.00** Access. (R) **12.05 Film:** Road to Christmas. (2006) Romantic comedy drama, starring Jennifer Grey and Clark Gregg. **1.55 Film:** The Heart of Christmas. (2011) Premiere. Drama, starring Candace Cameron Bure. **3.35 Film:** The Little Mermaid. (1989) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Jodi Benson. **5.15 Film:** Deck the Halls. (2006) Christmas comedy, starring Danny DeVito.

7.05 Police Interceptors: Dog Squad. A look at the police dog teams in the Cleveland and Durham specialist operations unit, observing the highly trained hounds and their handlers in training and in action. (R)

8.05 Impractical Jokers US. The guys pose as reporters getting public reactions to a fictional story, draw portraits of passers-by, queue jump at the theatre, and try to sell a bizarre flat.

8.30 Impractical Jokers US. The guys work in a bakery, where they must eat customers' cakes and challenge them to eating contests. The loser then has to pose as an avant garde artist.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: Gran Torino. (2008) Misanthropic Korean War veteran Walt leads an isolated existence, and has a tense relationship with his family and nothing but contempt for his neighbours. When a teenager attempts to steal his prized car, he ends up trying to reform the thief, making a connection with the boy's relatives and defending them from a street gang. Drama, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

11.25 Film: Justice. (2011) Thriller, with Nicolas Cage and January Jones.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Formula 1: The Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Highlights **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy **12.20** Josh **12.50** Rent a Cop **1.20** Russell Howard's Good News **1.50** World's Worst Place to Be a Woman? Stacey Dooley Investigates **2.45** Sunny D **3.00** Footballers, Sex, Money: What's Gone Wrong? **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Lost Land of the Tiger **8.00** Horizon: Why Can't We Predict Earthquakes? **9.00 Film:** The Deep (2012) **10.30** The Lighthouse Stevensons **11.30** Digging for Ireland **12.30** Horizon: Why Can't We Predict Earthquakes? **1.30** Icebound: The Greatest Dog Story Ever Told **2.30** Lost Land of the Tiger **3.30** Close

ITV2

1.55 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **2.55** Catchphrase **3.40 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **5.50** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.50 Film:** Back to the Future Part II (1989) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** You've Been Framed! **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** Plebs **12.35** Reality Bites **1.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.05** Lawson: The Hot Desk **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.50 Film: Columbo: Identity Crisis (1975) **2.50** Midsomer Murders **6.55** Sunday Night at the Palladium **7.55** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Colditz **11.00 Film:** Closing the Ring (2007) **1.15 Film:** 10 Little Indians (1974)

ITV4

12.45 Live Darts: Players Championship. The quarter-finals. **5.00** Storage Wars: Texas **5.55** River Monsters **7.00** Live Darts: Players Championship. The semi-finals and final. **11.00 Film:** Driven (2001) **1.15** Ray Mears' Close Encounters **2.20** Nitro Circus

E4

12.30 Film: Astro Boy (2009) **2.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **9.50** The Big Bang Theory **10.40** The Inbetweeners **11.50** The IT Crowd **12.55 Film:** Underworld: Awakening (2012) **2.35** Rules of Engagement **3.20** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Porco Rosso (1992) **1.00** Big Business (1988) **3.00** Anastasia (1997) **4.50** The Three Stooges (2012) **6.40** Cutthroat Island (1995) **9.00** Red (2010) **11.15** Me and You (2012) **1.05** The Station Agent (2003) **3.10** Close

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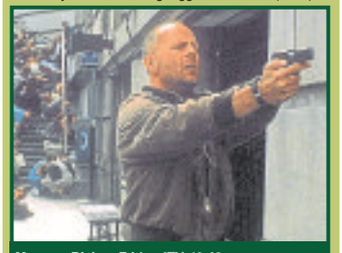
FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
A Christmas Visitor, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A couple have not celebrated Christmas for 11 years, ever since the death of their son in the first Gulf War. However, their spiritual faith is restored when they are visited by a mysterious stranger who is the same age their boy would have been, had he survived. Drama, starring Reagan Pasternak. (2002)

TUESDAY
Possession, BBC1, 11.50pm
Rival academics get embroiled in the hunt for proof that Victorian poets Randolph Henry Ash and Christabel LaMotte were having an affair – but their rivalry is tempered by a seemingly irresistible attraction between them. Drama from playwright Neil LaBute, starring Gwyneth Paltrow. (2002)

WEDNESDAY
The Road, BBC1, 11.35pm
The world is devastated by a cataclysm that wipes out all the plants and animals and leaves the few remaining humans desperately struggling to survive. A man and his son make an arduous journey across a desolate America inhabited by cannibals, in search of sanctuary further south. Drama based on Cormac McCarthy's novel, starring Viggo Mortensen. (2009)



Mercury Rising, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

THURSDAY
The Heart of Christmas, Channel 5, 11.30am
A successful businesswoman struggling to make time for her children is moved by the story of a boy who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Realising he may not live long enough to swee another Christmas, his parents decided to celebrate the holiday in October. Drama, starring Candace Cameron Bure. (2011)

FRIDAY
Mercury Rising, ITV, 10.40pm
A top-secret government agency has developed a seemingly unbreakable code – only for an autistic boy to crack it in an instant. Assassins succeed in gunning down his parents, but a maverick FBI agent investigating their deaths finds the child hiding in a closet, and resolves to shield him from the hitmen on his trail. Thriller, starring Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin and Miko Hughes. (1998)

Series continues to prove wild at heart

Over the past few years, Ben Fogle's New Lives in the Wild series has seen him meet people all over the world who have given up the rat race and started afresh in some of the remotest places on the planet.

However, his new series, which continues on Channel 5 tonight, looks at those a bit closer at home, who have looked to escape the daily grind in search of a happier, and often more self-sufficient, life elsewhere in the British Isles.

It's the same concept, but on a lower budget, if you will.

Of course, upping sticks to live in a remote destination is familiar territory for Fogle, who first found fame in 2000 living on the remote Hebridean island of Taransay for BBC reality series, Castaway.

And in his heart of hearts the presenter still nurtures a dream of turning his back on his fame and fortune to live his own 'wilderness'.

He has even recently pinpointed an uninhabited Scandinavian island where he hopes to set up home.

"Island living is where I began on Taransay, and I have such fond memories of it," he explains.

"I'm only sorry that I don't think television is brave enough to make a series like that [Castaway] again – taking people out of their natural environment for a year.

"I think it's lost its innocence these days – none of us went there to become rich and famous, which seems to be a focus of so much reality TV nowadays. We simply wanted to establish a self-sufficient community."

Nevertheless, when you watch Fogle on TV and look at his prolific CV over the past few years, it appears unlikely that he could spend a year in any one place without getting itchy feet.

And the presenter is back on his travels once again for tonight's latest instalment of New Lives in the Wild UK.

Ben uses his considerable charm and empathy to bond with Simon and Debbie, a former estate agent and lawyer.

At the ages of 48 and 51 respectively, the couple swapped city life for a hidden valley smallholding in the middle of Exmoor National Park.

But it's not been easy by any stretch of the imagination.

With more than 100 animals – some kept for companionship, others destined for the table – the couple's life on Exmoor is a constant battle and one they cannot always win, as Ben soon learns.

During his stay, the host discovers how to rear, kill and cook 'extreme free range' pigs, then tries his hand at foraging in steep woodland and attempts to clear an old orchard with a stubborn horse who suffers from hay fever.

As with all the people he has met during the series, Ben has admiration for what the couple are trying to do.

"Over the last few years, there's a fast-growing group of people looking to regress and turn back the clock," he says.

"It's not been easy for any of them and their bravery and resilience is inspiring."

Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild UK, Thursday, Channel 5, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Dino Autopsy: T-Rex
Channel 5, 9pm
In the past, palaeontologists relied on bones and fossils to build a picture of the Tyrannosaurus Rex. But now in this documentary, they get to take a step forward as cutting-edge special effects, created in collaboration with esteemed experts, are used to create an anatomically complete replica of the prehistoric predator, which scientists can touch, smell – and dissect. To give you a sense of scale, the T-Rex has teeth up to 30cm long, eyes the size of grapefruits and a heart that's 100 times bigger than a human's. However, it also has proportionally tiny arms, and here the experts try to solve the riddle of how the dinosaur managed to use them to feed. They'll also be asking how the creature procreated and whether it was warm or cold-blooded.

TUESDAY
Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
Channel 4, 8pm
It's now almost as traditional as egg nog and mince pies for Kirstie Allsopp to present a festive craft-making special. And here, as we enter December, is 2015's version – what's more, it will be shown over three nights, which means we can look forward to heaps of inspiration for our own festive arrangements. The first edition sees Kirstie journey to Switzerland, a country that embraces Christmas and begins its celebrations in early December. She learns how to make a show-stopping garland, boozy fondue and personalised paper-cut pictures. Upcycling expert Jay Blades demonstrates how to turn a bookcase into a doll's house or castle, while makers and bakers try to impress with their trees, advent calendars and cakes.

Capital
BBC1, 9pm
If you can't get enough of the excellent Toby Jones and Rachael Stirling in Detectorists on BBC4, then this compelling drama should leave you more than satisfied. This week, as the 'We Want What You Have' campaign intensifies, the worried residents of Pepys Road demand greater action from the authorities. However, while DI Mill looks for a breakthrough, other forces continue to transform the fortunes of the road's inhabitants. Returning home after her break, Arabella is concerned to find that rather than getting the house in order, Roger has hired the alluring Matya to help with the kids.

Kirstie's Handmade Christmas, Tuesday, Channel 4, 8pm

WEDNESDAY
This is Tottenham
BBC2, 9pm
In 2000, David Lammy became the MP for Tottenham, an area he knew well having grown up close to the Broadwater estate. He witnessed the riots there 30 years ago, and was aware of the problems in the area. During his time in office, other problems have hit Lammy's constituency, including the child abuse scandals of Baby P and Victoria Climbie, the shooting of Mark Duggan, and the 2011 riots. This documentary goes behind-the-scenes at Lammy's advice surgery, where around 6,000 local people call for help every year, offering an insight into the MP's work as he attempts to help a woman find her missing son and a young mother desperately attempting to get her child the life-saving operation he needs.

THURSDAY
The Secret Life of 6 Year Olds
Channel 4, 8pm
The documentary following three groups of youngsters moves on to the six-year-olds, who have the benefit of two years at school and are beginning to focus much more on their own identities. Kash and Elvin are keen to become group leader, but chaos ensues when the others cannot decide how to choose – by vote or by arm wrestle. Gentle Beatrice struggle to cope with defeat in a tug-of-war, asking her friends if they know the meaning of the word 'competitive,' and there is romance in the playground as Elouisa declares her feelings for Kash.

FRIDAY
MOTD Live: FA Cup 2nd Round
BBC2, 7.30pm
Salford City v Hartlepool United (Kick-off 7.55pm). Action from the game at Moor Lane. Northern Premier League side Salford – co-owned by five ex-Manchester United stars from the 'Class of '92' - will be looking to cause another upset, having already defeated Hartlepool's League Two rivals Notts County 2-0 in the first round. Striker Danny Webber scored the opening goal in that game, before a sublime strike from Richie Allen wrapped up a famous victory.

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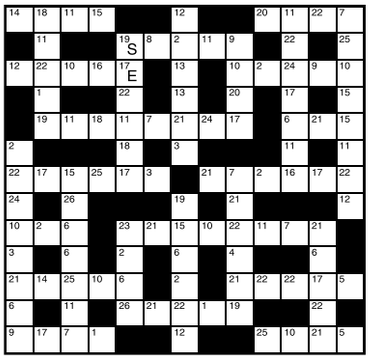

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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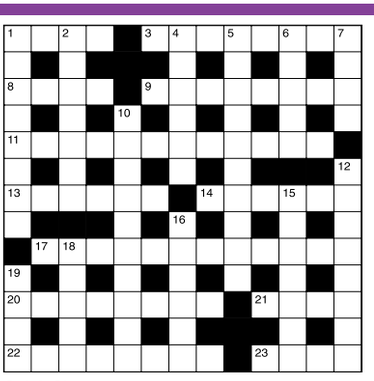
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Cut the end off a weed (4)
3. Don't forget about one in society (8)
8. Vegetable put on the fire, we hear (4)
9 & 19Dn. It gives one a chance to say one's piece (8,4)
11. Transport the nursemaid has for a small charge! (4-8)
13. Ronald disturbed by contemporary of De Quincey (6)
14. Make an effort to give instruction after the start of school (6)
17. Ask everybody to be quiet, as commercial travellers do! (4,3,5)
20. Idolatry destroyed in a skilful way (8)
21. Don't go on southern peak (4)
22. The rate fluctuates with certain valued possession (8)
23. Describing the desert in "The Sahara Ride" (4)

Down

1. Keep down, William, here's an aquatic burrower (8)
2. Tempestuous monster! (7)
4. Once a dock area from which to send out merchandise (6)
5. I came into a dreadful state of malnutrition (10)
6. Part of a tribe in Germany in existence (5)
7. Carnivals lead to scraps (4)
10. Academic bonds - old ones may have some snob value (6,4)
12. I printed version that's courageous (8)
15. Counter-checker (7)
16. Sporting woodsman (6)
18. Offer no opposition to some of the meagre emoluments (5)
19. See 9 Across

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Yield (4)
3. Valuable (8)
8. Headland (4)
9. Unmarried woman (8)
11. Vexation (12)
13. Extend (6)
14. Famish (6)
17. Undeniable (12)
20. United (8)
21. Inform (4)
22. Imperial (8)
23. Kind (4)

Down

1. Talk (8)
2. Hopelessness (7)
4. Account (6)
5. Establish (10)
6. Excel (5)
7. Certain (4)
10. Ghost (10)
12. Waking signal (8)
15. Plundering (7)
16. Orb (6)
18. Wanderer (5)
19. Highest degree (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Shift worker; 9 Tonsure; 10 Great; 11 Third; 12 Tutored; 13 Occurs; 15 Taiwan; 18 Coracle; 20 Remus; 22 Place; 23 Chianti; 24 Beastliness. Down: 2 Hindi; 3 Founder; 4 Wreath; 5 Right; 5 Eyebrow; 7 Stethoscope; 8 Studentship; 14 Carnage; 16 Arraign; 17 Pencil; 19 Crews; 21 Minds.
QUICK - Across: 1 Nondescript; 9 Elector; 10 Force; 11 Shelf; 12 Overeat; 13 Recall; 15 Amount; 18 Meander; 20 Upset; 22 Noise; 23 Allegro; 24 Wealthiness. Down: 2 Obese; 3 Dutiful; 4 Sorrow; 5 Rifle; 6 Parvenu; 7 Measurement; 8 Destitution; 14 Chalice; 16 Maudlin; 17 Preach; 19 Dwell; 21 Signs.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. What is finocchio?
2. What is the capital of Bermuda?
3. In financial terms, what do the initials IBRD stand for?
4. What did Elias Howe reputedly invent in 1844?
5. What is the German name for Gdansk?
6. From which language is the world coleslaw derived?
7. What is a fumarole?
8. Who founded the Bauhaus in Germany in 1919?
9. In which year did Chiang Kai-shek die?
10. In which North American city is Bay Street the financial centre?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Strand Magazine; 2 Mohne and Edersee; 3 Charles Wesley; 4 Hohenzollern; 5 Bronzefield; 6 Glasgow; 7 France; 8 1929; 9 Helios; 10 17th.

Niner: ARGUMENTS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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128823 gives a cloth,
76789 gives a stone.

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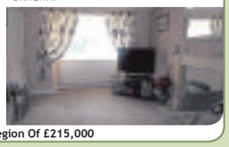

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WOODMANS LANE

- Imposing detached residence
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors
- 2/3 receptions, dining kitchen
- Utility room, guest WC
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- 3/4 further bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, double garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £435,000

ESSINGTON
SNEYD LANE

- Detached dormer bungalow
- Large lounge, family room
- Kitchen, dining room, utility
- Conservatory, study/reception
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- 2 1st floor bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
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- Two ground floor bedrooms
- Utility room, shower room
- 2 1st floor bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £325,000

CHESLYN HAY
WOODMAN LANE

- Semi-detached period house
- Superb Cul-de-Sac location
- Exuding charm & character
- 2 receptions, breakfast kitchen
- 4 bedrooms, shower room
- Laundry room, office / store room
- Garden, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £220,000

NEW PRICE

BLOXWICH
WALLINGTON CLOSE

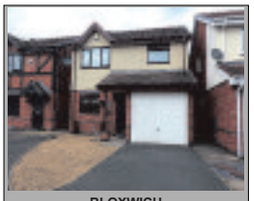
- Charming detached bungalow
- Superb Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Large utility area
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £218,000

GREAT WYRLEY
PINE CLOSE

- Superb detached bungalow
- Beautifully presented interiors
- Prime Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, extended breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms, shower room
- Gardens, driveway parking
- Useful side storage / laundry room
- EPC rating D

Offers around £199,950



BLOXWICH
WETHERBY ROAD

- Modern detached home
- Lovely cul de sac location
- Kitchen, Lounge/dining room
- Superb conservatory
- 3 excellent bedrooms
- Gorgeous refurbished bathroom
- Drive, garage, gardens. NO CHAIN.
- EPC rating D

Offers over £190,000

GREAT WYRLEY
FAIR OAKS DRIVE

- Much extended dormer bungalow
- Superb village location
- Spacious through lounge
- Kitchen, dining room
- Conservatory, guest WC
- Four 1st floor bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £180,000

CHESLYN HAY
LITTLEWOOD LANE

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Superb village location
- Good sized lounge
- Kitchen, 'sun room' / rear porch
- 2 double bedrooms, shower room
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

Offers around £149,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

- Well presented period semi
- Extended accommodation
- Lounge, family / dining room
- Breakfast kitchen, utility, wet-room
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Loft room. No chain
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating E

Offers around £179,950

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NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY
OAKRIDGE DRIVE

- Modern semi-detached house
- Sought after village location
- Well presented interiors
- Lounge, kitchen / diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating D

Offers around £165,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY
GLENTHORNE DRIVE

- Extended semi-detached house
- Superb village location
- Well presented interiors
- Extended lounge / diner, kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating to follow

Offers around £165,000

GREAT WYRLEY
JOHNS LANE

- Extended semi-detached house
- Prime village location
- Lounge, separate dining room
- Kitchen, guest WC
- Ground floor bathroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Gardens, driveway. No chain
- EPC rating F

Offers over £140,000

CHESLYN HAY
HILL STREET

- Charming end terrace
- Prime residential location
- 2 reception rooms
- Fitted farmhouse style kitchen
- Well appointed bathroom
- 3 Good sized bedrooms
- Lawned gardens. No chain
- EPC rating E

Offers over £115,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- Deceptively spacious semi
- Extended accommodation
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Further reception room
- Three double bedrooms
- Well equipped bathroom
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating to follow

Offers over £140,000

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

- Ground floor maisonette
- Refurbished interiors
- Prime village location
- Good sized lounge, fitted kitchen
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom. No Chain
- Communal parking to rear
- EPC rating D

Offers around £99,950

GREAT WYRLEY
BROOK LANE

- Superb first floor apartment
- Convenient village location
- Spacious interiors
- Charming lounge, refitted ktichen
- 2 generous bedroom, bathroom
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Neat lawned grounds, parking
- EPC rating C

Offers over £85,000

GREAT WYRLEY
PENNY COURT

- 2nd floor apartment
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Convenient village location
- Lounge / dining room, kitchen
- Two double bedrooms, bathroom
- Communal gardens & parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating E

Offers around £80,000

PENKRIDGE
LITTLE MARSH PARK

- Two bedroom park home
- Requires updating
- Superb park location
- Popular Penkridge park site
- Lounge, fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms, shower room
- Garden area, communal parking
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- EPC rating C

Offers over £190,000

MORETON STREET
CANNOCK

- Extensi y extended
- Con location
- Throu ge /diner
- Family
- Three double bedrooms
- Garage
- No upward Chain
- EPC rating E

Offers Over £180,000

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- Potential for extension
- Four bedrooms
- Through lounge/Diner
- Kitchen with utility
- sal
- d parking
- Close to Hednesford Hills
- EPC Rating D

Offers Over £220,000

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- Semi d
- Private rear garden
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

Offers Over £110,000

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- posing plot
- pressive rear garden
- Detached garage
- EPC rating D

Offers Over £240,000

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- First floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking
- Cul-de-sac location
- ment
- d chain
- open aspect to rear
- EPC rating B

Offers Over £80,000

BELT ROAD
HEDNESFORD

- Spacious semi detached
- Kitchen diner with island
- Two double bedrooms
- Lounge with bay window
- Driveway
- Veranda & downstairs WC
- Open aspect to the rear
- EPC rating E

Offers Over £110,000

SAM BARBER COURT
HEATH HAYES

- Ground floor apartment
- Two double bedrooms
- Allocated parking
- Delightful cul-de-sac location
- Open aspect to rear
- Ideal investment or first time buy
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

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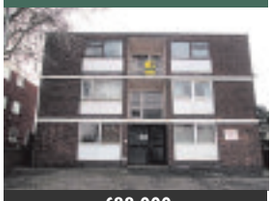
- Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Modernisation Required
- Generous Gardens
- Garage
- NO CHAIN
- EPC = D

Offers around £215,000

Wolverhampton Road Cannock



£88,000

- Town Centre Location
- Well Presented Two Bed Apartment
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Parking To Rear
- No Upward Chain
- EPC = E

The Poplars Cannock

£120,000

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Living Room/Diner
- Designated Parking
- EPC = D

Princess Street Chadsmoor

Guide price £70,000

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking & Rear Garden
- Double Glazing & Gas C/H
- EPC = E

Anson Road Great Wyrley

Guide price £60,000

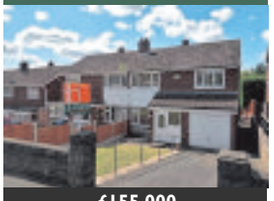
- Auction T&C's Apply
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal For First Buyers
- Rear Garden
- Investment Opportunity
- EPC = TBA

Redwing Drive Huntington

£125,000

- Two Bedroom Semi-detached
- Ideal for First Time Buyers
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- EPC = TBA

Burgoyne Street Hednesford



£155,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge Diner
- Downstairs WC
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage
- EPC = D

Rosebay Meadow Heath Hayes

Offers above£130,000

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Charnwood Close Hednesford

£160,000

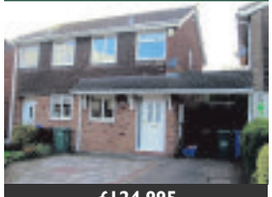
- Three Bedroom House
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- Lounge
- Ample Storage Space
- Driveway
- EPC = TBA

Dartmouth Road Cannock

£250,000

- Three Bed Detached House
- Desirable Location
- Master With En Suite
- South Facing Garden
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = D

Langholm Drive Heath Hayes



£124,995

- Ideal Starter Home
- Two Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Rear Garden
- Forecourt Parking
- EPC = D

Sharon Way Hednesford

£135,000

- Popular Location
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Fitted Kitchen & Lounge
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = TBA

Rawnsley Road Hednesford

£110,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- EPC = TBA

Tame Grove Cannock

£85,000

- Semi Detached
- One Bedroom Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Large Rear Garden
- Close To Cannock Town
- EPC = D

Burns Street Cannock

£140,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Kitchen Diner
- Full Width Conservatory
- Corner Plot
- Forecourt Parking
- EPC = E

Forge Close Churchbridge

£155,000

- Master Bedroom with En Suite
- NHBC Guarantee Remaining
- Double Glazing & Gas C/H
- Garden
- Allocated Parking
- EPC = B

Glovers Close Hednesford

£105,000

- Recently Modenised
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen Diner & Utility
- Off Road Parking, Corner Plot
- NO CHAIN
- EPC = E

Rawnsley Road Hednesford

£230,000

- Spacious Property
- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Wood Burner
- Parking For Multiple Cars & Garage
- EPC = TBA

Cowley Green Hednesford

- Semi Detached
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- Refitted Wet Room
- Conservatory
- Driveway With Ample Parking
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Charterfield Drive Heath Hayes

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- Two Bedrooms
- Popular Location
- Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Garden
- EPC = TBA

Rowan Croft Cannock

£44,750

- Over 55's
- One Bedroom
- Spacious Apartment
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazed
- EPC = TBA

Woodford End Chadsmoor

£62,500

- First Time Buyer
- Ideal Investor
- One Bedroom
- Spacious Accommodation
- Parking and Garage
- EPC = C

Pebble Mill Close Cannock

£165,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Living Room & Conservatory
- Landscaped Garden to Rear
- Two Reception Rooms
- No Upward Chain
- EPC = TBA

Braemar Road Norton Canes

Offers around£150,000

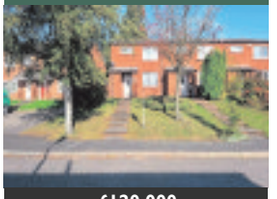
EXCEPTIONAL PRESENTATION AND FABULOUS FLOOR PLAN. This three bedroom semi-detached home is situated in Norton Canes close to local schools, shops and commuter links and has been improved to create a true family home. The accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hallway with guest WC, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge with dining area from where doors lead out to the rear garden, and a play room that has great dimensions having been converted from the original garage space. To the first floor; master bedroom with refitted en suite shower room, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. To the front of the property is off road parking. EPC = D

Carfax Cannock

£75,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- EPC = TBA

Beau Court Cannock



£120,000

- NO CHAIN
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Ideal for FIRST TIME BUYERS
- Spacious Property
- EPC = C

Capercaillie Drive Heath Hayes

£184,950

- Semi Detached
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Corner Plot
- Garage & Parking
- Modern Finish
- EPC = TBA

Ascot Drive Cannock

£140,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen With Dining Area
- Lounge
- Off Road Parking To Front
- Convenient Access To Town
- EPC = D

Old Fallow Road Cannock

£115,000

- Ideal First Time Buyer Home
- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden & Parking
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC = E

Wolverhampton Road Cannock

£115,000

- Two bedroom Semi Detached
- 1st Floor Bathroom & G.F. W/c
- Two Reception Rooms
- Cellar
- Mature Rear Garden
- EPC = F

Hatherton Road Cannock

- 5 Bedroom Detached Home
- Versatile Living Accommodation
- 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen & Utility
- Room Overlooking Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC = D

Morlings Drive Burntwood

£190,000

- Three Bedroom Link-Detached
- No Upward Chain
- Fitted Kitchen
- Integral Garage
- Rear Garden & Patio
- EPC = D

Ford Way Rugeley

£165,000

- Ideal Family Home
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen Opening To Conservatory
- Lounge & Study
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- EPC = D

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- Loft Room
- Separate Garage
- EPC = TBA

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- 3 Bathrooms
- Utility & Cloaks
- Garage
- Fabulous Garden

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- Fabulous Barn Conversion
- Lovely Area
- 5 Bedroom or 4 and extra lounge
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- 2 Bathrooms
- Cloaks & Utility
- Garden
- Car Port & Parking

£327,500

Main Road, Edingale

- Beautifully Situated Detached
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Very Large Corner Plot
- Large L Shape Living Room
- Kitchen, Diner
- Family Area
- Cloaks
- Master with Ensuite
- Family Bathroom

£325,000

Shortbutts Lane, Lichfield

- 4/5 Bed House
- Semi
- South Side Of Lichfield
- Living/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloaks and Utility
- FamilyBathroom
- Parking for 4 cars
- Lovely Rear Garden

£249,995

Hazel Drive, Armitage

- Fabulous Private Position
- Detached Home , Great Size
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Ensuite
- FamilyBathroom
- Garden, lots of parking
- Garage

£214,995

Foster Avenue, Hednesford

- Good Size Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage
- Parking
- Needs a little work

£165,000

Love Lane, Great Wyrley

- Great Size Semi
- Really Needs to be Viewed
- 5 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Large Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Fabulous Garden
- Parking
- Double Tandem Garage
- he property has such

£155,000

Banbury Road, Cannock

- Great Size Semi
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility, Solar Panels
- Family Bathroom
- Nice Rear Garden
- Very large front drive
- Popular area

£145,000

Essex Drive, Rugeley

- Lovely Bungalow
- 2 Bedrooms
- Well Maintained
- Living Room/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage
- Close to The Chase

£139,950

Lockside View, Rugeley

- Beautifully Semi
- 3 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Cloaks
- Family Bathroom
- Detached garage
- Well kept garden.

£139,950

New Road, Armitage

- Period Terrace
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Good Size Cellar
- Bathroom Upstairs
- Small Front Garden
- Long Back Garden
- In need of some TLC.

£130,000

Eaton Drive, Rugeley

- Lovely Modern Terrace Home
- 2 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Cloaks
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Private Rear Garden
- Parking

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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buyer
- Awaiting EPC rating

£79,950

HEDNESFORD
MITCHAM CLOSE

NEW

- Three bedroom detached property
- Lounge/Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Newly fitted bathroom
- Conservatory
- Driveway & garage
- Ideal family home
- Awaiting EPC rating

£179,995

BRIDGTOWN
DORNEY PLACE

- A stunning two bedroom 1st floor apartment
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Entrance hallway
- Lounge/diner, communicating kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Viewing essential to appreciate quality
- EPC rating C

£109,950

GREAT WYRLEY
WHARWELL LANE

- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Fully renovated to high spec
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Guest Cloakroom ● Lounge/diner
- Large conservatory
- Garage with driveway
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating C

£259,995

HEDNESFORD
BELT ROAD

- Traditional detached cottage
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Refitted kithcen/diner
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Guest WC, Utility
- Master Bedroom with en-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage
- EPC rating E

£219,950

HEDNESFORD
ABBEY STREET

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, separate dining room, guest WC
- Kitchen with built in appliances
- Bathroom, garden to rear, off road parking
- Ideal family home, NO CHAIN
- EPC rating D

£125,000

HEDNESFORD
MAYCROFT CLOSE

- A refurbished two bedroom mid town house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- Awaiting EPC rating

£99,950

HEATH HAYES
CLEETON STREET

- Traditonal Two bed Mid Terrace
- Gas Central heating, double glazing
- Open plan Lounge Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family bathroom with shoer
- Two doulbe bedrooms
- Ideal first time buy
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating C

£109,995

GREAT WYRLEY
POPLAR ROAD

- An improved well presented two bedroom bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms, Refitted modern bathroom
- Driveway providing ample off road parking
- Enclosed rear garden
- Viewing recommended
- EPC rating E

£154,950

CHESLYN HAY
SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Entrance hallway & Porch
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen & Utility
- Family bathroom
- Garage & driveway
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

£160,000

CANNOCK
LONGFORD ROAD

- Traditional Three bedroom
- Lounge, dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Family Bathroon ● Conservatory
- Enclosed Rear garden
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular location
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating E

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- Two bedrooms with ensuites
- Guest clockroom
- Garden front and rear
- Garage

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Heath Hayes

Newlands Lane

- Executive Detached
- High Quality Finish
- Four Bedrooms,
- Sought After Location

£399,995 EPC=C

Cannock

Newhall Street

- Traditional Detached
- Well Presented
- Four Bedrooms
- Four Receptions

£389,995 EPC=E

Penkridge

No Chain

Firethorn Cottage

- Semi Detached
- Semi Rural Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions

£299,950 EPC=C

Shoal Hill

Hatherton Croft

- Detached Family Home
- Highly Regarded Area
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room

£284,950 EPC=D

Cannock

New Price

Stafford Road

- Traditional Semi
- Beautifully Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen

£200,000 EPC=E

Wimblebury

Haymaker Way

- Executive Detached House•Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen/Diner•Four Bedrooms

£269,995 EPC=C

Cannock

Dartmouth Avenue

- Detached House•Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions•Conservatory

£269,995 EPC=D

Cannock

No Chain

Manor Avenue

- Detached House•Requires Work
- Three Receptions•Conservatory

£220,000 EPC=E

Wimblebury

Sweetbriar Way

- Modern Detached House•Four Bedrooms, En Suite
- Lounge, Dining Room•Office, Utility, B'Fast Kitchen

£279,995 EPC=D

Churchbridge

New

Lucas Rise

- Modern Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge, Guest WC
- Kitchen/Diner

£250,000 EPC=B

Heath Hayes

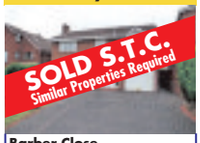
New Price

Alston Close

- Link Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge,Dining Room
- Conservatory

£210,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes



Barber Close

- Executive Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room
- Large Family Room•Kitchen & Breakfast Room

£270,000 EPC=E

Hednesford

Pendle Hill

- Good Sized Semi Detached•Well Presented
- Three Bedrooms•Lounge, Dining Room

£185,000 EPC=D

Cannock

Burns Street

- Detached Bungalow•Good Sized Accommodation
- Three Double Bedrooms•Large Rear Garden

£180,000 EPC=E

Great Wyrley

Broadmeadow Lane

- Modern Detached House•Lounge & Kitchen
- Stunning Conservatory•Three Bedrooms

£179,995 EPC=B

Huntington

Rowan Close

- Modern Detached
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Lounge,Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite to Master

£194,995 EPC=C

Norton Canes

Kingswood Drive

- Link Detached
- Well Presented
- Three bedrooms
- Conservatory

£167,500 EPC=E

Shoal Hill

Belmont Avenue

- Extended & Improved•Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility•Four Bedrooms

£175,000 EPC=D

Wimblebury

Waterlily Close

- Modern Detached House•Three Bedrooms
- L-Shaped Lounge, Kitchen•Guest WC, Bathroom

£165,000 EPC=C

Cannock

Longford Road

- Semi Detached House•Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen•Lobby, Guest WC, Office

£155,000 EPC=F

Wimblebury

Horseshoe Drive

- Modern End Terraced•Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen•Conservatory, Bathroom

£149,950 EPC=D

Norton Canes

Norton Grange

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner

£162,500 EPC=D

Hednesford

Cowley Green

- Attractive Bungalow
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Two Receptions
- Conservatory

£159,999 EPC=D

Heath Hayes

Elder Close

- Modern Semi Detached•Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen•Driveway & Garage

£135,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes

Rosebay Meadow

- Modern Semi Detached•Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner•Luxury Fitted Bathroom

£129,995 EPC=C

Great Wyrley

Colinwood Close

- Mid Terraced House•Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Conservatory•Kitchen/Diner

£109,995 EPC=D

Rugeley

Leasowe Road

- Mid Terraced House•Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner, Kitchen•Guest WC, Shower Room

£85,000 EPC=D

Great Wyrley

New

Walsall Road

- Traditional Semi
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Lounge,Sitting Room
- Re-Fitted Bathroom

£135,000 EPC=F

Cannock

Cannock Road

- End Terraced
- Kitchen, Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions

£130,000 EPC=E

Cannock

Newhall Street

- Town Centre Location•Traditional Terraced
- Lounge & Dining Room•Kitchen & Cellar

£130,000 EPC=E

Cannock

Watling Street

- Semi Detached Bungalow•Deceptively Spacious
- Two Bedrooms•Kitchen/Diner

£125,000 EPC=D

Cannock

Cemetery Road

- Traditional End Terraced•Two Bedrooms
- Breakfast Room, Guest WC•Kitchen/Diner

£115,000 EPC=D

Cannock

No Chain

Remington Drive

- Warden Controlled Bungalow•Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen•Over 60's Only

£114,950 EPC=C

Great Wyrley

Brook Lane

- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Communal Parking
- Communal Gardens

£85,000 EPC=C

Hednesford

New

Mcghie Street

- 1st Floor Apartment
- 1 Double Bedroom
- Good Sized Lounge
- Kitchen & Bathroom

£85,000 EPC=D

Wimblebury

No Chain

Hamilton Close

- Ground Floor
- Lounge/Kitchen
- One Bedroom
- Shower Room

£65,000 EPC=D

Chadsmoor

No Chain

Woodford End

- Modern Flat
- One Bedroom
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Well Presented

£62,500 EPC=C

Cannock

No Chain

Rowan Croft

- Over 55's
- First Floor Flat
- One Bedroom
- 75% Purchase

£44,750 EPC=C

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£500,000

- Detached Cottage
- Six Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Main Cottage with Annexe
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Railway View, Hednesford 01543 406302

£200,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking

Red Lion Avenue, Norton Canes 01543 406302

£120,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Sunroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden

Jade Grove, Heath Hayes
01543 406302

£260,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite to Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Conservatory
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Blount Close, Penkridge
01543 406302

£260,000

- Detached Property
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Ground Floor Wet Room
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Public Notice

£95,000

11 Mary Street, Hednesford, Cannock, WS12 4BZ. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £99,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. EPC Rating: G

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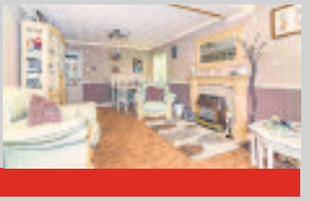

£190,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Well Maintained Rear Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Close to Local Amenities
- Call Branch for Details

Princefield Avenue, Penkridge
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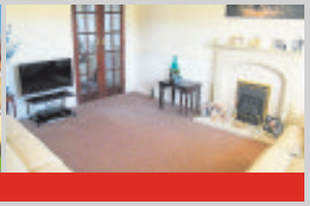

£225,000

- Detached Property
- Village Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Four Piece Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Mosswood Street, Cannock
01543 406302

£125,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Bairstow eves

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Dundalk Lane, Cheslyn Hay — 01543 406302

Offers Over £340,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Grade II Listed
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Modern Family Kitchen
- Annexe
- Gardens & Off Road Parking
- No Chain

New Penkridge Road, Cannock 01543 406302

£170,000

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Well Presented
- Two Bedrooms
- Resident Parking

Glenmore Avenue, Burntwood 01543 406302

£150,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Conservatory & Utility/Guest WC
- Double Tandem Garage

Cherry Tree Road, Norton Canes — 01543 406302

£120,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Bathroom & Downstairs WC
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended
- Call Branch for Details

Benion Road, Cannock — 01543 406302

Offers Over £100,000

- Open House Saturday 28th November
- 1pm - 2pm, Call for Security Password
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Corner Plot Position
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Moore Street, Hednesford 01543 406302

£140,000 OIEO

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen

Beech Tree Lane, Cannock — 01543 406302

£275,000

- Charming Character Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner with Log Burner
- Family Bathroom
- Town Centre Location
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Belt Road, Hednesford 01543 406302

£120,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room

School Lane, Shareshill — 01543 406302

£190,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Rural Village Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended
- Call Branch for Details

Station Road, Hednesford — 01543 406302

Offers Over £180,000

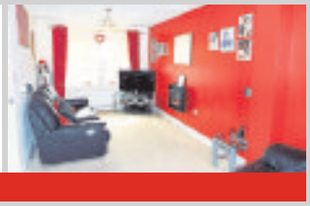
- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility Room
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Chase House, Cannock 01543 406302

£80,000 OIEO

- Upper Floor Apartment
- 63 Year Leasehold
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage

Partridge Close, Heath Hayes — 01543 406302



£170,000

- Mid Terraced Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Three En-Suites
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom & Separate WC
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Cannock

Connells

Great Wyrley

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley £290,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this exceptionally spacious, four bedroom, two storey bungalow/family home in the popular area of Great Wyrley. This property has a great layout and generous accommodation throughout. Being a large sized plot if you need a lot of off road parking then this property really is one you must view. Situated in a prime position, this property is perfectly situated for the M6 toll and M6 Motorway junction, the A5, St Thomas More Catholic School & Great Wyrley High School. On the ground floor the property comprises of entrance porch, hallway, family lounge, an additional reception room which was previously the garage, modern fitted kitchen diner, large utility room, two double bedrooms and a separate dining room. On the first floor there is a master bedroom which benefits from having its very own en-suite . To the rear there is a separate patio area and lawn area, further on there is secure gate with additional parking and a substantially large shed. Energy Rating: D.

Rawnsley Road, Rawnsley £112,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market this two bedroom terraced house BACKING ONTO HEDNESFORD HILLS which comprises of lounge, kitchen, dining room, two bedrooms and an upstairs bathroom, there is also secure parking to the rear of the property behind the large garden. Energy rating: awaited.

Olde Hall Lane, Great Wyrley £270,000

Well Presented 4 Bedroom Detached House ●●Internal Viewing Highly Recommended●● Comprising of: Reception Hall, Guest W.C., Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Master Bedroom with En-suite Shower Room, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage. Energy rating: D.

Hednesford

Heather Valley, Hednesford Offers Over £450,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this elegant, FIVE bedroom detached family home. Commanding an impressive position, the property boasts flexible living accommodation and is set over two floors. The first floor entrance level and lower ground level both provide generous sleeping arrangements as well as multiple bathrooms and en-suites. Situated in a modern quiet cul-de-sac this property is a short distance away from the desirable Cannock Chase, Hednesford train station and Kingsmead College. On the first floor the property briefly comprises of entrance upper hallway, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms with one benefitting from having an en-suite and family bathroom. you then decent to the lower floor where you will find; two double bedrooms with one benefitting from having large fitted wardrobes and an en-suite, large shower room, second lounge / fifth bedroom, with french doors out on to the patio terrace. Externally, to the front the property provides a block paved driveway for multiple cars as well as a larger than average garage. To the rear there is a beautifully designed garden amongst a selection of shrubs and separate patio area. Energy Rating: D.

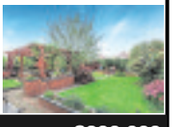
Dorney Place, Bridgetown £110,000

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to present for sale this modern two bedroom upper floor, luxury apartment in Bridgetown offering good access onto the A5 and the M6 Toll and has it's very own parking space. Energy rating: B.

Cemetery Road, Cannock Offers Over £100,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious two bedroom mid-terraced property in Cannock and is within the catchment area to Redhill Primary School. Close by you have a train station, and other good schools and local amenities. The property comprises of a entrance porch, family lounge, dining room with patio doors leading out to rear garden, modern fitted kitchen, lobby which houses the boiler, downstairs bathroom with shower, wash basin and WC. Upstairs there is two generous double bedrooms with the master benefiting from having two walk in wardrobes. To the rear there is an entertainment patio area with shed which has electric, side gated passage way to front of property, outside water tap, lawned area with shrubs, to the end of the garden there is a further raised patio area with steps to brick BBQ and another additional shed. Energy Rating: D.

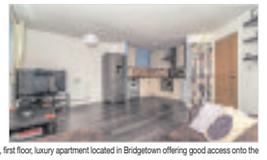
Great Wyrley



Bentons Lane, Great Wyrley £290,000

An exciting opportunity has presented it self in Great Wyrley via Connells Estate Agents. This family friendly home with great entertaining space and generous accommodation through out hosts an impressive five bedrooms and is detached so it really is a must view to fully appreciate not only the space, but the period features also. The property briefly comprises of entrance to a porch, grand reception hall, family lounge, an additional sitting area, conservatory, fitted kitchen and separate dining area, utility with access to the garage. Upstairs there are five bedrooms and this property has both a family bathroom and a family shower room all on the first floor! Externally and to the front; the property provides off road parking for several cars, a raised featured plant bed with a selection of shrubs whilst to the rear lies a large patio area with a featured veranda, fish pond amongst various shrubs, an additional patio area, summer house, green house and a side passage way leading to the front. Energy rating: E.

Albert Court, Bridgtown £90,000



Connells Estate Agents are delighted to present for sale this modern, two bedroom, first floor, luxury apartment located in Bridgetown offering good access onto the A5 and the M6 Toll. This impressive apartment provides an open plan style of living with the lounge, diner and kitchen all open plan and the lounge has french doors opening onto the Juliet balcony. Fitted with a full gloss kitchen and gas central heating this apartment really is a rare find. In brief, the property consists of hallway, cloakroom, lounge/diner with open plan into the kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom whilst externally there is an allocated parking space. Energy rating: B.

Cemetery Road, Cannock £109,950

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious three bedroom end-terraced property in Cannock, within the catchment area to Redhill Primary School and is opposite Cannock Cemetery. Immaculately presented with a recently refitted kitchen. Energy rating: E.

Shoal Hill

Gorsey Lane, Shoal Hill £320,000

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to present for sale this exceptional two bedroom detached house in Shoal Hill. This impressive home provides some of the finest hand crafted and truly breath taking features. The property consists of a entrance porch, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, dining room, two bedrooms with the master having fitted wardrobes and en-suite. On the first floor from the solid spiral staircase there is a room which stretches to nearly 40ft long with the current owners using it as an entertainment room. To the rear there is a spectacular garden which has various decking and patio area's making it ideal for entertaining, it also houses a substantially large summer house to the rear, raised gravel beds, fruit trees and a featured water fountain. To the front the property provides off road parking for multiple cars and garage. Energy Rating D

Victoria Street, Cannock £219,950

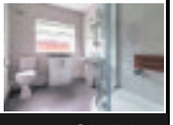
Must be viewed to be appreciated. Connells are pleased to market this three bedroomed detached Bungalow comprising of Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, bathroom, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Car Port, front and rear gardens. Energy rating: C.

Heath Hayes

Grouse Way, Heath Hayes Offers Over £170,000

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to offer for sale this exceptional and immaculately presented three bedroom semi-detached property in the popular area of Heath Hayes near to Gorsemoor and Five Ways Primary School. The property comprises of entrance hall, family lounge with patio doors out to rear garden, modern fitted kitchen, downstairs W/C with basin and on the first floor there are three bedrooms with the master benefiting from having its very own En-suite. To the side of the property there is a driveway providing off road parking for multiple cars and a garage, to the rear there is a patio area and separate lawned area. Energy rating: C.

Hednesford



Pye Green Road, Hednesford £215,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this significant two double bedroom, detached bungalow in the popular area; Hednesford, situated on a considerably large plot with a beautifully designed garden set over three tiers that truly takes your breath away, being a purpose built bungalow this property has been thoroughly thought through and is a must view to appreciate the potential for a perfect home. Internally, the property briefly comprises of a entrance to a porch, hallway, lounge; with patio doors out to patio area, fitted kitchen of a good size including a separate dining area, two double bedrooms and a recently fitted shower room with shower cubicle, wash hand basin and WC. Being set well back from the popular road; Pye Green Road, to the front the property provides off road parking for several cars as well as a garage. To the rear there is patio area, featured pond, separate lawn area with a selection of shrubs either side of the lawn, through the featured archway there is a further lawn area which has been used by the previous owners as a vegetable patch and green house area, the third section of the garden is a further, additional lawn area. Energy Rating: D

Farm Court, Hednesford 95,000

Connells are marketing this one bedroomed over 55's apartment comprising of lounge, kitchen, bedroom, wet room, double glazing and gas central heating (where specified), allocated parking, gardens, drying area, communal lounge area and guest bedroom at small charge. Energy rating: B.

The Hollies, Great Wyrley £325,000

Connells are delighted to offer for sale this most impressive, luxury FIVE bedroom detached property in the popular area of Great Wyrley in Cannock. Set over three floors, the property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs W/C, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen diner with integrated appliances, separate from the kitchen there is a utility room with access in to the garage, conservatory with electric and heating leading out to the garden. On the first floor there are four bedrooms benefiting from having modern fitted wardrobes and the second bedroom having a en-suite. Second floor landing has a door to the master bedroom which has an en-suite. To the rear there is a patio area and a separate lawn area with shrubs and to the front there is off road parking for multiple cars. Energy rating: B.

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Wolgarston Way, Penkridge £165,000

Connells estate agents are pleased to present this three bedroom semi detached property with garage and off road parking in the beautiful market town; Penkridge. Briefly comprising of an entrance hall, lounge overlooking the rear garden, kitchen / diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom, both front and rear gardens. Energy rating: E.

Property of the Week

High Street, Cheslyn Hay £130,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this traditional property in the heart of Cheslyn Hay which is within walking distance to Cheslyn Hay Primary and other schools, amenities and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, family lounge, substantially large hallway which provides sun light through the sky windows, downstairs shower room, fitted kitchen and upstairs two bedrooms. To the front of the property is off road parking and also a lawn area with shrubs and to the rear there is a significantly large garden with a considerable amount of lawn and various shrubs, separate entertainment patio area and also a passage way leading from the front to the rear of the property which is accessible through the side gate. Energy rating: Awaited.

Broc Close, Penkridge £184,500

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom semi-detached property located in Penkridge which briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs shower room, lounge, dining area, sun room, L shaped kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom and double glazing (where specified). Energy rating: C

Great Wyrley

Hilton Lane, Great Wyrley £189,950

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to present for sale this unique corner plot, in immaculate presentation, traditional, three bedroom semi-detached Family home located in Great Wyrley and is within walking distance to Moat Hall Primary & Great Wyrley High School. Energy rating: E.

Wanted

We have recently Sold (subject to contract) a property and our Vendors are looking to upsize to a 3-4 bedroom detached in Hednesford, within close proximity to Staffordshire University Academy if you are looking at selling and this fits your criteria then please call us ASAP

Heath Hayes

Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes £185,000

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to market for sale this exceptional three bedroom link detached property in the popular area of Heath Hayes, which is within walking distance to Gorsemoor Primary, transport links and local amenities. The property briefly comprises of a entrance porch, family lounge, kitchen/diner with patio doors out to the garden and garage. Upstairs there are three bedrooms with the master benefiting from having fitted wardrobes and a recently fitted modern bathroom with shower, basin and W/C. To the front there property provides a driveway with a generous amount of parking and a separate lawn are with shrubs, to the rear there is a entertaining patio area, lawn area and a superb feature island with shrubs and gravel. Energy rating: E

Cannock

Johnson Road, Cannock £120,000

Connells are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, rear garden and double glazing (where specified). Energy rating: E.

Whitehouse Crescent, Burntwood £129,950

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Notice

Connells are now in receipt of an offer for sum of £128,000 for 20 Whitehouse Crescent, Burntwood, WS7 9AG.

Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Connells, 11-13 Bore Street, Lichfield WS13 6LZ – 01543 262376 before exchange of contracts.

WANTED

Two - three bedroom bungalows needed in Hednesford and Heath Hayes as we have buyers ready to view

Penkridge

Walhouse Drive, Penkridge £625,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this six bedroom detached property which briefly comprises of hall, downstairs WC, study room, office, kitchen / breakfast area, dining room, family room, conservatory, lounge, master bedroom with en-suite, five further bedrooms one of which is currently used as a gym, bathroom, two shower rooms, cinema room, presentation room, off road parking, detached double garage, pond, summer house, gardens and double glazing (where specified). Energy rating: D.

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- Detached Bungalow
- Porch, Kitchen
- Lounge, Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Conservatory
- Bathroom, en-suite
- Landscape Gardens

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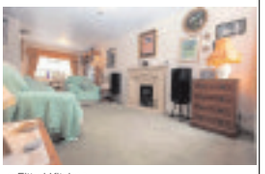

- Detached Family Home
- Close to Cannock Chase
- Rec. Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Garage
- Garden, Driveway

£169,950

CANNOCK
PYE GREEN ROAD

- Spacious Semi Det.
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen
- Guest WC, Conservatory
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Integral Garage
- Driveway, Gardens.

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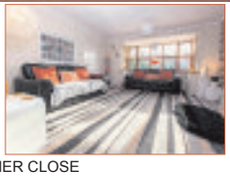
WEDGES MILLS
THE MEADOWS

- Detached Family Home
- Through Hallway, WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- En-suite to Master
- Garage, Gardens, Driveway.

£315,000

RAWNSLEY



ST.CHRISTOPHER CLOSE

- Detached Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge,Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen,Utility Room
- Guest W.C.
- Five Bedrooms
- Bathroom, En-Suite
- Garage, Gardens

£259,950

GREAT WYRLEY
JOHNS LANE

- Extended Family Home
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Bathroom, 3 Bedrooms
- Gardens, Driveway
- Internal Viewing Essential.

£139,950

CANNOCK
SANKEY ROAD

- Semi Detached Home
- Hallway, Lounge/diner
- Refitted Kitchen/utility area
- 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Driveway, Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£109,950

HEDNESFORD
HAMILTON CLOSE

- Ground Floor
- Hallway
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- One Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Parking
- Ideal FTB or Buy to Let
- No Chain

£65,000

GREAT WYRLEY
GORSEY LANE

- 3 Storey Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Guest W.C
- 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Garage, Gardens

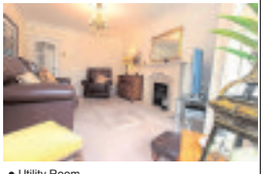
£170,000

BROWNHILLS
PELSALL ROAD

- Impressive Det Cottage
- Set within private grounds
- Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Area, Guest WC,
- Five Beds, 2 En-Suites
- Family Bathroom
- Det. Oak Frame games room
- P/P FOR 3 BED COTTAGE

£370,000

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD



- Detached Bungalow
- Through Hallway
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

£250,000

CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD

- Spacious Detached
- Walking distance to Cannock
- Hall, Spacious Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms, En-suite
- Re-fitted family bathroom
- G.C.H. D. glazed

£189,950

CANNOCK
WILLOW WALK

- Spacious Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Generous dining kitchen
- Lounge, Utility room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, WC
- Gardens
- Offered with NO CHAIN

£99,950

HEDNESFORD
COTSWOLD CLOSE

- Semi Detached
- Through Hallway
- Lounge diner
- Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking, Gardens
- NO CHAIN

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WEDGES MILLS
WOOD LANE

- Outstanding Detached Dorma
- Through Hallway, Lounge
- Stunning Kitchen
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- Family Bathroom
- 5 Bedrooms, Family shower-room
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Dining Room
Kitchen
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Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Parking
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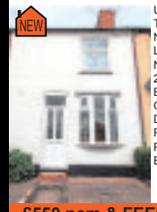
CANNOCK
PYE GREEN ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Newly Decorated
Lounge Diner
Newly Fitted Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating D
£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
AJAX CLOSE

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Front & Rear Garden
Parking
Awaiting EPC Report
£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NORTON CANES
NORTON TERRACE

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Open Plan Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Allocated Parking
Attractive Communal Gardens
ERC Rating B
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BLOXWICH
MAY STREET

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Garden
EPC Rating D
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Allocated Parking
EPC Rating C
£475 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
APPLE WALK

Unfurnished
2nd Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating D
£425 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HILL STREET

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C
£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Open Plan Lounge/ Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Shower Room
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Allocated Parking
EPC Rating D
£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
SANDPIPER CLOSE

Partly Furnished
Lounge
Fitted Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom with Shower
Electric Heating
Allocated Parking
EPC Rating D
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
PICASSO CLOSE

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Fitted Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Heating
Allocated Parking
EPC Rating D
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
ST STEPHENS COURT

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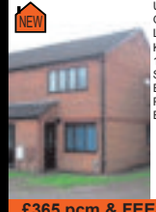
2nd Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating D
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
GREENSLADE GROVE

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Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Shower Room
Electric Heating
Parking
EPC Rating D
£365 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
ST STEPHENS COURT

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
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1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Electric Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
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- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
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- Detached Garage

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- Re-Fitted Kitchen
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- UPVC Double Glazed
- Cavity Wall Insulation
- Freehold

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Horsefair, Rugeley
A Three Bedroom End Terrace Cottage

- UPVC Double Glazed
- Gas Central Heating
- Shower Room
- Carport
- Fully Enclosed Rear Garden

£138,000

Rangers Walk Rugeley
A Two Bedroom Link Detached Bungalow

- Lounge/Dining Room
- Hardwood Sun Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Single Garage

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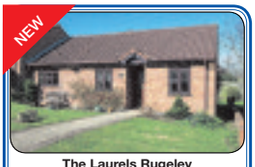
The Laurels Rugeley
A Two Bedroom Bungalow

- Gas Fired Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazed
- Shower Room
- Front And Rear Garden
- Scheme Managed Development

£122,500

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23A Earlsway Gt Haywood
A Three Bedroom Semi Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- Block Paved Driveway
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- Fitted Kitchen

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- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- Pets By Arrangement
- No Housing Benefit Applications
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

£550.00 PCM

Crossley Stone, Park House, Rugeley
A Two Bedroom First Floor Flat

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- Close To Town Centre
- No Pets Allowed
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

£425 PCM

New Road Armitage
A First Floor One Bedroom Apartment

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed. Rent Includes Water And Electric
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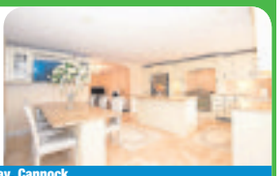
- Extended Detached Home
- Comprehensively Improved
- Stunning Open Plan Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- 2 En-Suites
- Corner Plot with Open Aspect
- EPC - D
- Viewing Essential

£332,950

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley

- Exquisite Improved Residence
- Stunning Accommodation
- Immense Charm & Character
- Every Conceivable Luxury
- Extensive Plot Swimming Pool
- EPC - D Viewing Imperative

£465,000



Bideford Way, Cannock

- Stunning Family Home
- Five Large Bedrooms
- Immaculate Kitchen
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Large L-Shape Garden
- Popular Residential Area
- Must Be Viewed

£315,000

Strathmore Place, Cannock

- Exquisite Detached Bungalow
- Desirable Location
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Dining Kitchen
- Comprehensively Improved
- Call Now For A Viewing
- Spacious Accomadation
- No Chain

£300,000

Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock

- Idyllic Family Home
- Charming Accommodation
- Stunning Kitchen & Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Gardens, Drive & Garage
- (EPC - D)
- Close To Town Centre
- Corner Plot

£269,950

Earlswood Way, Cannock

- Five Bed Detached
- Three Storey
- Stunning Garden
- Open Plan Dining Kitchen
- Ensuite & Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Font View Over Park

£264,950

Short Street, Cannock

- Delightful Detached Home
- Extended and Improved
- Four Bedrooms,
- Standing On Corner Plot
- Gas C/H & Double Glazing
- Detached Double Garage
- EPC - Tbc Viewing Essential

£227,950

Belt Road, Hednesford

- Family Sized Bungalow
- Superb Accommodation
- Substantial Plot
- Three Bedrooms
- Potential for Development
- Driveway, Garage & Gardens
- EPC - D
- Must Be Viewed

£215,000

Heath Street, Hednesford

- Delightful Family Residence
- Improved Accommodation
- Three / Four Bedrooms
- Corner Plot & Double Garage
- Impressive Aspect
- EPC - (E) Viewing Essential

£215,000

Myrtle Glade, Cannock

- Exquisite Family Residence
- Stunning Living Kitchen
- Three Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Impressive Aspect
- EPC - (B) Competitively Priced

£205,000

Orchard Gardens, Hednesford

- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Private Road
- Stunning Views To Rear
- Three Bedrooms
- Living Room & Conservatory
- Stylish Breakfast Kitchen

£197,500

Longford Road, Cannock

- Traditional Detached Home
- Sought After Location
- Massive Potential
- No Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway, Carport & Garden

Offers Over £180,000

Kingswood Avenue, Cannock

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- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

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- Sought After Location
- Impressive Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Kitchen
- Gardens, Garage & Drive

Offers Over £147,950

Watling Street, Brownhills

- Detached Dormer Style Home
- Scope for Improvement
- Two / Three Bedrooms
- Generous Private Garden
- Versatile Accommodation
- EPC - (E) No Chain

£144,950

Mosswood Street, Cannock

- Semi-Detached Home
- Comprehensively Improved
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas C/H, Alarm, Dble Glazed
- Generous Gardens & Drive
- EPC - E No Chain

£126,950

Wolverhampton Road, Cannock

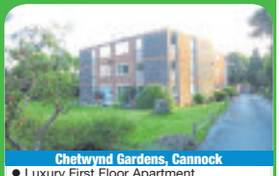
- Traditional Semi Detached
- Town Centre Location
- Private Rear Garden
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Gallery Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom

£124,950

Remington Drive, Cannock

- Two Bedrooms
- Retirement Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating
- No Chain Involved

£109,950



Chetwynd Gardens, Cannock

- Luxury First Floor Apartment
- 999 Lease Resident Managed
- Improved Accommodation Two Double Bedrooms
- Under Floor Heating
- EPC - tbc Garage & No Chain

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A traditional mid-terraced property benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room, Landing, Two Bedrooms and Courtyard to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - E

£95,000

**COPPICE ROAD
RUGELEY**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this well proportioned semi-detached property benefiting from UPVC double glazing and Gas Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Off Road Parking, Gardens to rear. EPC RATING - D

£98,000

**THE LAURELS
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A selection of two bedroomed bungalows set within a purpose built sheltered housing complex. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Communal parking and garden areas. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D prices from

£110,000

**CAMPBELL CLOSE
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A recently refurbished mid-terraced property offering No Upward Chain. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Garden Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£115,950

**CARDIGAN AVENUE
RUGELEY**

A three bedroomed semi-detached family home offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility and Downstairs WC. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear. Side Workshop with driveway. EPC RATING - D

£142,500

**LODGE ROAD
BRERETON**

A good sized family home in sought after location. Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen and rear Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Three Bedroom and Bathroom. Gas centrally heated. Single Garage. Fully enclosed large rear garden. EPC TBC

£148,500

**CRESTWOOD RISE
ETCHINGHILL**

A well presented spacious family home with lots of living space. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Sitting Room and Garage conversion. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Enclosed rear garden and driveway with off road parking. EPC RATING - E

£155,000

**RICHARDSON WAY
RUGELEY**

A three-storey townhouse positioned in this popular residential development. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with Two further Bedrooms with one having an En-Suite Shower Room. Enclosed garden to rear. Allocated parking. EPC RATING - C

£158,500

**ASHTREE BANK
BRERETON**

A recently re-furbished semi-detached family home in popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Garage/ Utility. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Parking for Several Vehicles. EPC Rating - D

£163,500

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**MAIN ROAD
BRERETON**

A three bedroomed detached family home. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen, Downstairs WC. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Wet Room. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Enclosed low maintenance garden to rear. Driveway leading to SINGLE GARAGE. EPC RATING - D

£171,950

**WAVERLEY GARDENS
ETCHINGHILL**

A three bedroomed detached property located in popular sought after location within close proximity to the local primary schools. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility Room. Three Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Carport leading to SINGLE GARAGE. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC RATING - E

£199,950

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

**SHEEP FAIR
RUGELEY**

A development opportunity located within the town centre. Crossley Stone Cottage is a detached dwelling currently divided into two flats. The whole property requires modernisation and upgrade but offers potential for redevelopment (subject to planning). To the rear is a range of large outbuildings with an enclosed garden area. EPC rating E

£205,000

**ELIZABETHAN WAY
RUGELEY**

An immaculate family home benefitting from a re-fitted guest cloakroom, bathroom and en-suite. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room. Landing with Four Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. INTEGRAL GARAGE. Gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating - C

£227,000

**EATON DRIVE
RUGELEY**

A four bedroomed detached family home in a sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway,Guest Cloakroom,Lounge,Conservatory, Family Room and Breakfast Kitchen. Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room,Three further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - C

£228,995

**GARDEN DRIVE
RUGELEY**

An individually designed detached dormer bungalow within walking distance to town centre. Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Area/ Rear Lobby. Inner Hallway, Bedroom Three, Separate WC and Bathroom. Large Attic Room with Shower Room. Single Detached Garage. Gardens. EPC awating

£260,000

**THE OAKLANDS
ETCHINGHILL**

This large three bedroom detached family home with Gas Central Heating and UPVC double glazing. Viewing is essential for this property to appreciate the size and location. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Sitting Room, Conservatory, Kitchen and Utility Room. Three Bedrooms and Re-Fitted Bathroom. Garage, Off Road Parking and Gardens to Rear. EPC RATING - D

£275,000

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WOLSELEY ROAD**

A 1930's detached property having the added benefit of large gardens to front and rear. Within walking distance to the town centre. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sun Room. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second Floor Attic. Detached Garage. Ample parking. EPC RATING - E

£279,995

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RUGELEY**

Offering potential for redevelopment is this traditional large three-storey detached property. Large Reception Hall, Downstairs WC, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen and rear Lean-To. First Floor Landing with Three large Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with Two Attic Rooms. Driveway to front. Large garden to rear. EPC RATING - E

£289,995

VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

**BEECHMERE RISE
ETCHINGHILL**

A detached family home with Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing.Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge/Diner, Spacious Kitchen, Separate Utility. Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Three Further Bedroom and Bathroom. Double Garage and Off Road Parking. Large Garden to Rear with Views. EPC rating C

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A two bedroomed semi detached bungalow in village location with open aspect to rear. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Lounge,Kitchen,Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

£134,995

ARMITAGE ROAD RUGELEY

Built by Walton Homes is this small development of only 18 new homes. Ideally situated for the town centre and having a canalside setting to rear.
Further details available upon request - internal photos shown are for the illustration purposes only and depict the show home which is a family property

£140,000

ARCH STREET RUGELEY

First floor flat benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Communal Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bedroom and Shower room. Off street parking.
NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. NO DSS EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £485

£350 pcm

HORSEFAIR RUGELEY

Second floor property. Communal Entrance with security system. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking to rear. EPC Rating F
NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating F
DEPOSIT £588

£425 pcm

BRERETON HOUSE BRERETON

An impressive ground floor apartment situated in popular position. Communal Entrance Hall, Inner Hallway, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Double Bedroom and Bathroom. Communal Gardens and Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED
NO DSS. PETS CONSIDERED. NO SMOKING. EPC Rating G
DEPOSIT £595

£445 pcm

GREENHEATH ROAD HEDNESFORD

Offered for sale is this unique opportunity to purchase 2 x two bedroomed flats ideal for investment. Within walking distance to Hednesford town centre. Both properties have Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. In addition there is allocated parking. For Sale as a whole. EPC RATING - C

£165,000

EARLSWAY GREAT HAYWOOD

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached property in a village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double-Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Breakfast Room, Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and a Bathroom. Driveway to Front with SINGLE GARAGE. Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - D

£169,995

VARDEN COURT RUGELEY

A two bedroomed first floor mews property, part furnished with views over the Trent and Mersey Canal. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom. Mezzanine Bedroom. Electric Heating. Communal Gardens. Allocated Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS NO SMOKERS NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £645

£450 pcm

EATON DRIVE RUGELEY

On the instruction of Atwell Martin Asset Management we are offering a modern first floor apartment, GCH/DG. Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B
DEPOSIT £594

£495 pcm

EATON DRIVE RUGELEY

On the instruction of Atwell Martin Asset Management. Ground floor apartment. GCH and DG. Comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom with shower. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B
DEPOSIT £594

£495 pcm

LEVETT GRANGE RUGELEY

A well presented modern executive detached located on popular residential location with open views to front. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Kitchen. Landing with Four Bedrooms one with En-suite, a Jack & Jill En-suite plus a further Family Bathroom. Garage to side. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC RATING - C

£249,950

FORTESCUE LANE RUGELEY

A spacious detached three bedroomed bungalow in a sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Through Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Single Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£250,000

COPPICE ROAD RUGELEY

Semi detached property with off road parking. Comprises of Entrance Hall, Dining Kitchen, Lounge, rear lobby area with guest cloakroom. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £500

£500 pcm

CORNWALL COURT RUGELEY

Spacious terraced property benefiting from Gas Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with some appliances.Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and Rear. Garage and parking at rear.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £720

£520 pcm

PHOENIX CLOSE RUGELEY

A mid terraced property within walking distance to town centre. Comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Electric Storage Heating and Double Glazing. Parking to front. Garden at rear. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £692

£525 pcm

THE MOORINGS COLWICH

A well presented large family home in a sought after village location. Double-Glazing and Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Ground Floor Shower Room, Sitting Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility. First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Purpose Built Garden Room. Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear.

£300,000

GREENACRES RUGELEY

A traditional large detached family home that must be viewed to truly appreciate the size. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Family Room, Large Fitted Kitchen, Dining Room, Utility Room, Guest Cloakroom. Landing, Three Double Bedrooms and Large Bathroom. Garage. Extensive Parking to front. EPC rating TBC

£325,000

BOWER LANE ETCHINGHILL

A spacious refurbished property with Gas Central Heating and Solar Thermal Hot Water Heating System.Reception Hall, Dining Room, Spacious Kitchen/Family Room, Lounge, Utility Room, Guest Cloakroom. Landing, Four Large Bedrooms, Two En-Suites, Family Bathroom. Converted Garage/Study. Large driveway with mature frontage. Established enclosed rear garden. EPC RATING - C.

£335,000

PEAKES ROAD ETCHINGHILL

An individual detached family home with fitted breakfast kitchen, lounge, dining room, study, guest cloakroom, utility, gallieried landing, master bedroom with dressing area and ensuite, second bedroom with dressing area and ensuite, two further bedrooms and family bathroom, ample parking and double garage. EPC RATING - C

£395,000

EAST BUTTS ROAD ETCHINGHILL

An extended family home with UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Downstairs Shower Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Extended Kitchen and Sun Room. Two Large Bedrooms with one having an en-suite Bathroom, Family Bathroom. Landing with Two Further Large Bedrooms and Shower Room. Established Gardens and Covered Carport.

£430,000

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9 ROKHOLT CRESCENT, CANNOCK

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED HOUSE
Offering Flexible Four Bedroomed Well equipped Accommodation Located In Popular Cul-de-sac In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Central reception hall
- 2/3 Reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast area
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and bathroom
- Integral garage
- Intruder alarm
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (75)

£329,950 FREEHOLD

LITTLE CROFT, SMITHY LANE, BEDNALL

NEW PRICE NO CHAIN

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DORMER STYLE DETACHED 4 BEDROOMED RESIDENCE OFFERING CHARACTERFUL FAMILY ACCOMMODATION ENJOYING ADJOINING WELL STOCKED GARDENS WITH VIEWS OVER GREEN BELT FARMLAND TOWARDS THE WREKIN AND SHROPSHIRE

- Two reception rooms
- Dining kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite bathroom and shower room
- Well stocked gardens
- Garage
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating C (73)

£439,950 FREEHOLD

THE OLD HAYLOFT, 3 MIDDLE HILL BARNS, WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, SHARESHILL, WV10 7LT

LUXURIOUSLY APPOINTED BARN OF CHARACTER
Offering Four Bedroomed Family Accommodation In Rural Position Convenient For Access To Facilities At Cannock Town Centre

- Reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- Garage & gardens
- Gas fired central heating (LPG)
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating: C(74)

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19 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

WELL EQUIPPED ALPINE STYLE CABIN
Located On Established Park Home Site Adjacent to Canal Tow Path and Convenient For Local Facilities

- Open plan lounge and kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- For persons aged 50 or over
- Part furnished
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Garden and decked terrace
- Allocated parking
- Viewing recommended

£90,000 LEASEHOLD

"MARILL", 111 DARTMOUTH AVENUE, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE NO CHAIN

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OF CHARACTER OCCUPYING WELL STOCKED GARDENS
Located In Popular Residential Area of The Town

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (40)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

22 KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

NEW PRICE

THREE BEDROOMED LINKED DETACHED HOUSE
Occupying Corner Plot Gardens

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage, store room/workshop
- Corner plot gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (42)

£149,950 FREEHOLD

HIGHFIELD, 122 STREETS LANE, CHESLYN HAY

NO CHAIN

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETGACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING GROUNDS WHICH EXTENDS TO APPROXIMATELY 0.98 OR AN ACRE
Located In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Verandah and utility
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Detached garage
- Gardens and paddock to 0.98 of an acre
- Oil fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating F (37)

£350,000 FREEHOLD

5 & 5A WEST BROMWICH STREET, WALSALL

SHOP WITH OFFICES AND/OR POSSIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION

- Shop
- Offices
- Store rooms
- Possible living accommodation
- Kitchen
- Shower room
- Separate toilet
- EPC rating G (172)

£85,000 FREEHOLD

OLD MANOR FARM, 68 NORTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED AND WELL EQUIPPED CHARACTERFUL 4/5 BEROOMED DETACHED COTTAGELocated In A Popular Residential Area Of The Village With Well Stocked Gardens Extending To Approximately 1/3 Of an Acre

- 3 reception rooms
- Sitting room/ bedroom 5
- cloakroom with WC
- Conservatory
- Refitted kitchen and breakfast room
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas centrally heated and predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating E (49)

£439,950 FREEHOLD

NANT Y DERW, TREGYNON, POWYS

WELL APPOINTED SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING ECO FRIENDLY CONTEMPORARY STYLE ACCOMMODATION
Located In Popular Village Midway Between Welshpool and Newtown

- 3 reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Four double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Garage
- Well stocked gardens with stream
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£279,950 FREEHOLD

11 LANGDALE GREEN, CANNOCK

AN IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Enclosed porch
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Predominantly double glazed
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- EPC rating D (54)

£124,995 FREEHOLD

17 EARLSWOOD WAY, CANNOCK

A SUPERB WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located On The Popular Lakeside Development With Views Over Farmland To Front

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Guests cloakroom
- Five bedrooms
- Two en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Detached garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- EPC rating: B (81)

£264,950 FREEHOLD

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93 DARTMOUTH AVENUE, CANNOCK

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSELocated In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town Occupying Gardens Which Could Allow For Potential Extension To Living Accommodation

- Enclosed porch and reception hall
- Lounge and dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Detached garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (57)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

31 JAMES STREET, CANNOCK.

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD Located In This Sought After Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford and Cannock Centres

- Reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Off road parking and south facing garden
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating E (49)

£149,950 FREEHOLD

BRACKENRIDGE, CANNOCK ROAD, BEDNALL HEAD

MOST SPACIOUS IMPROVED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OCCUPYING 1.74 ACRE LANDSCAPED GARDENS OFFERING ACCOMMODATION SET IN GREENBELT FARMLAND Enjoying Views Towards Cannock Chase and Convenient For Access to Stafford and Cannock

- Three reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- Minstrel gallery
- Five bedrooms
- 2 En-suite shower rooms
- Refitted family bathroom
- Integral double width garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- EPC rating D (61)

£795,000 FREEHOLD

45A NORTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING LARGER GARDENS In Popular Residential Area In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Detached garage
- Larger gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (64)

£295,000 FREEHOLD

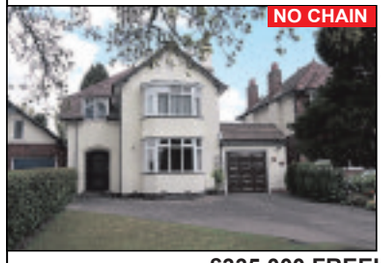
51 HUNTER ROAD, CANNOCK

IMPROVED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETCHED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Separate toilet
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (56)

£125,000 FREEHOLD

39 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK



A SUPERB WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH MANY CHARACTER FEATURESLocated In The Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Shoal Hill District of Cannock Chase An Area Noted For Its Outstanding Natural Beauty

- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility room
- Ground floor shower room
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Excellent commuting facilities for A5, M6, M54 & M6 Toll
- EPC rating E (43)

£335,000 FREEHOLD

3 CORNWALL ROAD, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Popular Residential Area Of The Town Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge with kitchen area
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two double bedrooms
- Wet room shower room
- Carport
- Easy to maintain gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating D (60)

£199,950 FREEHOLD

259 CEMETERY ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED MEWS HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities at Cannock Centre

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two double bedrooms
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (65)

OFFERS OVER £100,000 FREEHOLD

"KEEPERS", SANDY LANE, HATHERTON

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED WELL APPOINTED FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED DETACHED RESIDENCE WHICH HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED Located In Very Popular Rural Position On The Outskirts of Cannock

- Central reception hall
- 1/2 reception rooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen and utility
- 3/4 bedrooms
- Bathroom and shower room
- Integral double width garage
- Landscaped grounds
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (67)

£456,950 FREEHOLD

FISHERS FARM GARDEN CENTRE, UPPER LANDYWOOD LANE, CHESLYN HAY

EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW WITH ORNAMENTAL GARDENS AND GARDEN CENTRE

- Living accommodation
- Central reception hall
- Inner hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Three double bedrooms (ground floor)
- Two en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Games/family/ snooker room
- Landing
- Bedroom four (first floor)
- Ornamental gardens
- Built-on double width garage
- In and out drive
- Gas (LPG) central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Garden Centre
- Established business
- Densely

£795,000 FREEHOLD (Plus Stock At Valuation)

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£154,950

CONISTON, 17 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED 3/4 BEDROOMED DETACHED DORMER STYLE HOUSE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION Located In This Popular South Staffordshire Village

- 3/4 reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Refitted bathroom and shower room
- 3/4 bedrooms
- Intruder alarm
- Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (56)

£279,950 FREEHOLD

15 ADAMSON CLOSE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Cul-de-sac In Popular Residential Area Of The Town

- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Utility room & cloakroom
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Built-on garage
- South facing rear gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating: D (64)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

9 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, WEDGES MILLS, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE ORIGINALLY BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD In Popular Position With Greenbelt Farmland To Rear

- Enclosed porch and reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Breakfast kitchen
- Cloakroom/shower room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens and built-on garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (55)

£156,950 FREEHOLD

THE POPPIES, 47 LITTLEWOOD LANE, CHESLYN HAY

CONSIDERABLY EXNTENDED AND IMPROVED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS Convenient For Facilities In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- 3 reception rooms
- Refitted L shaped dining kitchen
- Shower/cloakroom
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Corner plot gardens
- In and out drive and parking for caravan, boat etc
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating F (34)

£265,000 FREEHOLD

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LOT 1

30 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD, WS12 4ES

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Semi detached house
- Requiring refurbishment
- Predominantly double glazed
- Garage
- Gas fired central heating (Not Tested)
- EPC rating D (61)

GUIDE PRICE £30,000+

LOT 2

11 HEDNESFORD ROAD, BROWNHILLS, WS8 7LS

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Semi detached house
- Built C.1901 of brick and tile construction
- Requiring extensive modernisation and refurbishment
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating F (33)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000

LOT 3

26A NEW ROAD, ARMITAGE, RUGELEY, WS15 4BN

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- First floor flat
- In popular residential area
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- Currently producing £4,420 P.A
- EPC rating G (4)

GUIDE PRICE £35,000+

LOT 4

56 HEATH GAP ROAD, BLACKFORDS, CANNOCK, WS11 6DS

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Semi detached house
- Requiring refurbishment
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating (Not Tested)
- EPC rating E (47)

GUIDE PRICE £48,000+

LOT 5

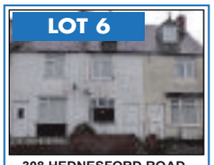
44 CANNOCK ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 5BX

FREEHOLD SUBJECT TO REGULATED WEEKLY TENANCY

- Currently producing £3,588 P.A.
- Traditional semi detached house
- Brick and tile construction
- Three bedrooms
- EPC rating G (1)

GUIDE PRICE £30,000+

LOT 6



308 HEDNESFORD ROAD, HEATH HAYES, WS12 3DS

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Part double glazed
- In need of repair/improvement
- EPC rating E (54)

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 - £60,000

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LOT 7

72 PRINCESS STREET, BURNTWOOD, WS7 1JN

FREEHOLD SUBJECT TO REGULATED TENANCY

- Semi detached house
- Brick and tile construction
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Rear gardens with garage
- Currently producing £2,600 P.A (inclusive of water rates)
- EPC rating E (46)

GUIDE PRICE £50,000+

LOT 8

3 MYRTLE GROVE, BREWOOD, ST19 9HN

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Semi detached bungalow
- In need of comprehensive renovation
- Two bedrooms
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (55)

Guide Price £140,000 - £160,000

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INDUSTRIAL

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- Estate Road Frontage
- Approx 6,225 sq ft
- Minimum Eaves Height 5.5m
- Service Yard
- EPC Rating D

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- Suitable for Storage
- Light Industrial Use
- EPC Not Required

RENT: £18,500 pax plus VAT REF: BP/1628/KMC

INDUSTRIAL

UNIT 7A PROGRESS DRIVE, CANNOCK

- Detached 2 Bay Unit
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- EPC Rating D

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- Flexible Terms
- EPC Rating D

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- Garage with driveway, Offers Invited

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MUST BE VIEWED

Thorn Cose, Rugeley

- Superbly presented detached family home
- Spacious throughout, sitiated on corner plot
- Two reception rooms, refitted kitchen, conservatory
- Two bathrooms, four good size bedrooms
- Garage and private gardens to three sides

£235,000

EXECUTIVE

Levett Grange, Rugeley

- Stunning executive detached family home
- Private drive position with open aspect and private gardens
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, stunning living kitchen
- Four good size bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Garage, parking and gardens, No Chain

£277,000

Pear Tree Court, Rugeley

NO CHAIN

- Spacious three storey property in good location
- Four good size bedrooms and three bathrooms
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen
- Utility room, front and rear gardens with garage
- Viewing essential of this spacious property

£199,950 Guide Price

SOLD

Wickets View, Chaseley Road, Etching Hill

Exceptionally well presented detached family home. Situated opposite a cricket pitch with surrounding fields Wickets View is stylish and modern internally. Large reception space with outstanding open plan kitchen, four bedrooms, three contemporary bathrooms, large conservatory, private gardens with plentiful parking and garage.

£425,000

NO CHAIN

Anson Street, Rugeley

- Superb traditional detached property
- Close to town centre and amenities
- Large rear gardens and plentiful parking
- Two reception rooms, three good size bedrooms
- Viewing essential, Offers Considered

£249,950

Stag Close, Etching Hill

NO CHAIN

- Spacious three bedroom link detached house
- Popular location with green area to front
- Hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms and family bathroom
- Garage, driveway and priavte gardens

£189,950 Guide Price

NEW

Little Hay Manor, Colton

- Stunning barn conversion in village location
- Stylish and high end finish and fitments throughout
- Open plan living with kitchen, three bedrooms, three bathrooms
- Gardens to rear with allocated parking
- No Chain and viewing essential

£399,950

EXECUTIVE

Pool Meadow Close, Rugeley

- Well presented detached family home
- Popular location with fields to rear
- Four good size bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Two bathrooms, kitchen and conservatory
- Beautiful gardens, viewing essential

£265,000

Rishworth Avenue, Rugeley

NO CHAIN

- Spacious semi detached property backing onto Canal
- Good location with No Upward Chain
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens with driveway and garage

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- Hallway, extended large lounge/ diner, kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Garage and gardens with driveway

£124,950

Bow Street, Rugeley

- Charming and quirky end terraced property
- Close to town and an ideal FTB/ Investement purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, one bedroom and dressing room
- Large bathroom, outside yard to rear
- No Chain, superb value

£79,950 Offers Invited

Waverley Gardens, Etching Hill

- Unique and spacious split level family home
- Stunning rural views to rear, elevated position
- Four bedrooms, three bathrooms, two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen, garage and utility room
- No Chain and sensible offers considered

£289,995

The Lindens, Rugeley

- Spacious three storey end terraced property
- Hallway, kitchen/ diner, lounge, guest wc
- Three good size bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Garage and driveway with gardens
- No Chain, viewing essential

£159,950

Somerset Avenue, Rugeley

- Well positioned detached home on large plot
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, shower room and bathroom
- Garage, large driveway, very large rear gardens
- Must be viewed, huge potential on offer

£184,950

Lichfield Street, Rugeley

- Charming traditional terraced home
- Well proportioned rooms and period features
- Close to town centre and lovely private gardens
- Three good size bedrooms and two large reception rooms
- Kitchen and conservatory, must be viewed

£160,000

Bower Lane, Rugeley

- Large executive detached family home
- Open aspect to front with private gardens
- Four double bedrooms, three bathrooms
- Two reception rooms, conservatory and breakfast kitchen
- Garage, driveway, viewing essential

£349,950 Guide Price

Hardie Avenue, Rugeley

- Good size three bedroom semi detached
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Driveway, gardens and No Chain

£99,950

Oakenhurst Avenue, Hawksyard

- Well presented two bedroom semi detached home
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase on Hawksyard
- Hallway, guest wc, lounge and kitchen
- Two bedrooms, main bathroom
- Allocated parking and No Upward Chain

£135,000

Roseway, Rugeley

- Good size link detached family home
- Corner plot position with No Upward Chain
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen/ diner
- Three good size bedrooms and main bathroom
- Garage and gardens, must be viewed

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£114,950

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◆ Well Presented Mid Town House ◆ Three Bedrooms ◆ Fitted Kitchen ◆ Lounge with feature fireplace ◆ 12ft Conservatory ◆ Refitted Bathroom ◆ Brick paved driveway ◆ Enclosed rear garden ◆ Garage space ◆ Gas radiator central heating ◆ Sealed unit double glazing ◆ Solar Panels ◆ Freehold ◆ EPC:awaited

£126,950

SUMMERFIELD ROAD, CHASETOWN

◆ Well Presented End Town House ◆ Three Bedrooms ◆ Lounge With Feature Fireplace ◆ 14ft Wide Conservatory ◆ Fitted Kitchen ◆ Ground Floor Cloakroom ◆ Bathroom ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Brick Paved Drive ◆ Enclosed Rear Garden ◆ Garage Seperate Block ◆ Freehold ◆ EPC:Awaiting

£134,950

LONGSTAFF AVENUE, PROSPECT VILLAGE

◆ Semi Detached House ◆ Three Bedrooms ◆ Through Hallway ◆ Lounge ◆ Separate Dining Room ◆ Fitted Kitchen with oven & hob ◆ Bathroom ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Large Rear Garden ◆ Driveway Parking for Several Cars ◆ EPC:D58

£134,950

HIGHFIELD ROAD, BURNTWOOD

◆ Semi detached house ◆ Three Bedrooms ◆ Extended Lounge/Dining Room ◆ Kitchen ◆ Shower room ◆ Loft room/storage ◆ Garage ◆ Driveway parking ◆ Enclosed rear garden ◆ Gas radiator central heating ◆ Sealed unit double glazing ◆ Freehold ◆ EPC:D67

£139,950

BAKER STREET, CHASETOWN

◆ Brand New Semi Detached Bungalow ◆ One Double Bedroom ◆ Lounge ◆ Fitted Kitchen with Appliances ◆ bath Room ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Enclosed Rear Garden ◆ Driveway parking ◆ Freehold ◆ Predicted EPC:Awaited

£148,000

QUEEN STREET, CHASETOWN

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£149,950

ST STEPHENS ROAD, BURNTWOOD

◆ Spacious Link Detached House ◆ 3/4 Bedrooms ◆ Lounge ◆ Kitchen ◆ Dining Room ◆ Sitting Room/ Bedroom 4 Shower Room(ground Floor) ◆ Bathroom ◆ Tandem Garage ◆ Driveway Parking ◆ Enclosed Rear Garden ◆ Freehold ◆ EPC:D62

£184,950

LORNE STREET, CHASE TERRACE

◆ Spacious Freehold Detached Bungalow ◆ Two Double Bedrooms ◆ Porch ◆ Hall ◆ Lounge ◆ Breakfast Kitchen ◆ Dining Room ◆ Wet Room ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Garage ◆ Wide Enclosed Gardens Front And Rear ◆ EPC:D67

£220,000

HIGHFIELDS ROAD, CHASETOWN

◆ Brand New Freehold Detached House ◆ Set behind a long private drive with electric gates ◆ Four Bedrooms ◆ En-Suite To Master Bedroom ◆ Lounge With Feature Fireplace ◆ Luxury Siematic Kitchen With Neff Appliances ◆ Dining Area ◆ Utility ◆ Ground Floor W.C. ◆ Bathroom & En-Suite with Villeroy & Boch Sanitary Ware & Tiling ◆ Gas fired Under Floor Heating to ground floor and Radiators to first floor ◆ Hand Made Oak Staircase ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Concrete Beam & Block First Floor ◆ Burglar Alarm System ◆ Detached Garage ◆ N.H.B.C. Guarantee ◆ Landscaped Gardens to front and rear ◆ Predicted EPC: B83

£350,000

RUGELEY ROAD, CHASE TERRACE

◆ Mid Terraced House ◆ Two Bedrooms ◆ Lounge ◆ Fitted Kitchen ◆ Utility ◆ Bathroom (ground floor) ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Parking Space at the Rear ◆ Freehold ◆ EPC:D64

£106,500

CROSS STREET, CHASE TERRACE

● Semi Detached House ● Three Bedrooms ● Lounge ● Kitchen With Oven & Hob ● Guest Cloakroom Family Bathroom ● Sealed Unit Double Glazing ● Gas Radiator Central Heating ● Enclosed Rear Garden ● Two Car Parking Spaces ● Sorry No DSS, Smokers or Pets ● EPC:C75

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- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Economy 7 electric heating
- Allocated parking
- Communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: D (68)

£465 pcm

FLAT 7 PILLATON HOUSE, CROWN BRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT Located In This Much Sought After Development Convenient For Penkridge Village Centre

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550 pcm

FLAT 19 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Security phone intercom
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating: C (80)

£495 pcm

17 WOODFORD WAY, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Built-on garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (68)

£660 pcm

4 SCHOOL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner hall
- Lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Landscaped communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C

£625 pcm (plus service charge)

70 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOMMID MEWS HOUSEConvenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (58)

£575 pcm

22 LOVE LANE, LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, RUGELEY

SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located On Well Presented Park Home Site Convenient For Local Facilities

- Dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Fully double glazed
- LPG central heating
- Parking space and gardens
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: E

£475 pcm

26 ELLESMERE ROAD, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Ground floor entrance hall
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (78)

£395 pcm

18 BLACKHAM ROAD, ASHMORE PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Lounge & dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen & utility area
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating: D (58)

£525 pcm

191A STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLATConvenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Sitting room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (57)

£425 pcm

66 BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES

THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSEConvenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Cloakroom with WC
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking & garage to rear
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (68)

£625 pcm

FLAT 23 ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: 81 (B)

£535 pcm

5 THE FORGE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN

WELL APPOINTED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Gated Development Convenient For Local Facilities

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Secure gated access
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£550 pcm

19 COPPERKINS ROAD, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (72)

£600 pcm

2 SMITHY PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSIONSituated In The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers, children or DSS allowed
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£585 pcm

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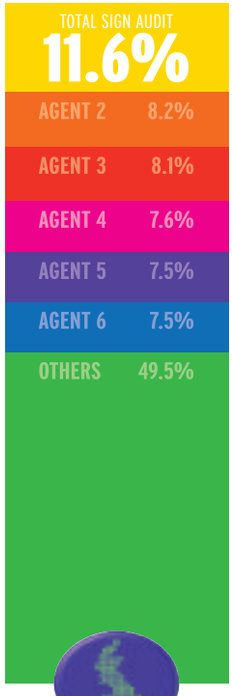

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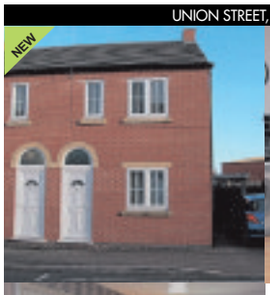

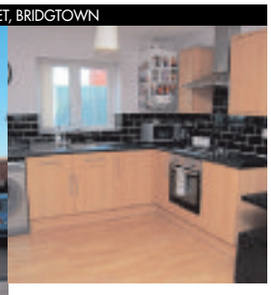

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Remarkable supermini

By John Griffiths

There's a new supermini on Britain's roads but you won't have much difficulty in spotting its origins.

But make no mistake: SEAT's new Ibiza may not look too much different on the outside, but underneath it's a very different story.

After all, the sporty shape was originally conceived by a former chief designer for Lamborghini and its sculpted lines remain modern and distinctive. There's an old saying 'if it ain't broke ...' Instead the company listened to customers and blew its budget for this latest makeover on new, upgraded interiors, a great deal of new technology and the introduction of considerably more efficient engine options, bringing fuel and tax savings for owners.

There's also a new speed sensitive power steering system and much-revised suspension, damper and anti-roll bar settings which have significantly sharpened up handling while also resulting in a smoother, quieter ride. There's a range of customisation options for those who want their car to stand out visually.

Prices start at £10,000, rising to £18,035 which, like for like, still manages to undercut big name rivals which don't have the advantage of offering three body styles - three door couple, five door or sports tourer (estate). There are seven trim levels and ten engine options – seven petrol and three diesel – six of which are completely new.

So with all that variety, and a new sporting flagship version, the Cupra, coming in a couple of months, the Ibiza has this highly competitive section of the market pretty well covered.

The entry level engine in the cheapest version produces 75ps and 95Nm of torque, drives smoothly and feels a little more peppy on the road than its 14.3 second 0 to 62mph time suggests. Official average fuel consumption at 54.4mpg wouldn't be out of place with many a smaller, lighter city car.

But the same engine in the turbocharged Ecomotive version is rated at 95ps, with 160Nm of torque which cuts nearly four seconds off the 0 to 62mph sprint time and yet its official fuel average is a diesel-like 68,9mpg and lower CO2 emissions of 94g/km.

The top specification FR version gets even more power, 110ps and a hefty 200Nm of torque, but still with an official fuel average of more than 64mpg and a low 102g/km.

Quicker

The FR, which costs from £15,690 in the three-door model, is also unusual for a 1.0 litre car in that it is available with the proven DSG dual clutch automatic transmission. Quicker and smoother than even a manual gearbox, it also has the option of manual control of the six ratios via paddles behind the steering wheel.

With a 0 to 62mph sprint time of 9.3 seconds, it is remarkably quick for a 1.0 litre car and particularly smooth, thanks to its combination of torque and the DSG transmission.

It also gives the car a relaxed, 'grown up' feel, which is a characteristic of the new Ibiza across the board. It isn't only the engine, as the complete retuning of the suspension and damping means a more compliant and quieter ride with less jarring over bumpy B-roads.

That's an impression reinforced by the new cabin with new soft touch materials and a multi-function colour touchscreen in the centre of the dash. In fact, there's even a new 'Connect' trim level, which comes with a larger, 6.5 inch screen for controlling audio, communications and satnav, while having full inter-connectivity with a smartphone's functions.

Other petrol engine options include 1.2 litre units with 90 and 110Ps, a 1.4TSI with 150Ps of power and 250Nm of torque.

All three diesel engines are 1.4 litres, with outputs of 75, 90 (available with the DSG transmission) and 110PS. The 75Ps version is fitted to the Ecomotive version, with official average fuel consumption of more than 83mpg and a CO2 rating now down to 88g/km: well below the current 100g/km free VED benchmark. The Ecomotive has a very respectable 210Nm of torque, making it very driveable with plenty of pulling power at low revs. It is also significantly quieter than the engine it replaces.

The entry-level E model comes with a centre touch screen media system, four airbags, hill hold control,a tyre monitoring system, stability control and emergency brake assist, a folding rear bench seat, electric front windows, Next up the S A/C adds air conditioning along with electric adjustable and heated door mirrors, an upgraded audio and hands-free phone system, a split/fold rear seat and remote audio and phone controls on the steering wheel.

Further up the range, you add features such as alloy wheels, a larger touch screen with an improved range of functions, LED running lights, front fog lights with cornering function,cruise control, parking sensors, satnav, and a driver tiredness warning. The FR is the top specification model, with a sporty trim.

The new Ibiza has to hold its own in a crowded and competitive area of the market, but SEAT has hit the ground running with a wide range of engine, body styles Its competitive pricing and relatively low running costs add to the appeal. All the new engines meet the latest EU6 emissions standards (with low CO2 ratings of between 88 and 120g/km) and insurance ratings range from 8E to 18E (out of 50).

And while its looks may not have changed much (colour pack options excluded) SEAT has added a raft of new technology and a more grown-up feel to the car, with significant improvements in refinement.

For many of us price is the deciding factor. But given a choice the FR, with one-litre turbo engine, DSG transmission and a combination of 64mpg and sub 10 seconds sprint time is a pretty remarkable machine even in the world of superminis.

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Lexus is a smooth operator

By Sharon Walters

There is no question that rock 'n' roll is great music, but the term means something much less fun when used to describe the quality of ride you get from your car. Lexus has designed and equipped its new RX to put an end to rocking and rolling, whether you are travelling on the highway, or driving on rougher off-road surfaces.

The new luxury SUV's active suspension performance moves to a higher level, securing a smoother and more stable ride and a more rewarding driving experience. The system design has been updated and customers can specify an Adaptive Variable Suspension system for sportier performance. Ride and handling have also been improved thanks to the engineering of a significantly more rigid vehicle body.

The new RX features an updated version of the suspension system used in the current model: MacPherson struts at the front and a rear trailing arm and double-wishbone set-up, with components fine-tuned for extra stability when cornering and improved handling overall. Changes include a larger front anti-roll bar, which gives both a crisper turning response and better ride quality.

Adjusts

Sportier performance can be gained from Lexus's Adaptive Variable Suspension (AVS), a standard feature of the F Sport and Premier grade models. This automatically adjusts the damping force delivered by the shock absorbers at each wheel in response to the quality of the road surface and the driver's inputs.

For example, on rough roads, the system switches to a more compliant setting to maintain comfort. When driving through a bend, the damping force is firmer, to reduce body roll and give the RX more performance-focused, flatter cornering.

As well as advanced suspension tuning and technology, the new RX reaps the benefits of having a more rigid body – a fundamental quality that has a positive impact on its handling, comfort and cabin quietness, as well as providing more robust crash protection.

Lexus has achieved this with innovative techniques, including a new ring-frame construction method to create stronger sections around the front and rear doors. Panel joints have been made stronger using high-tech body adhesives and laser screw welding, and high-tensile-strength steel has been used at strategic points throughout, including the A and B-pillars and underbody crossmembers. Extra spot welds around the rear of the body also contribute to the car's strength and handling stability.

The new RX is available to order now, with first deliveries to UK customers from January.

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Toyota's RAV4 now available in hybrid

By James Parker

Toyota is introducing hybrid power to the RAV4 in one of the most significant changes to the model since it created the European compact recreational SUV market in 1994.

The new model range is now available to order in the UK, with a choice of powertrains which includes the 2.5-litre full hybrid, a new 2.0-litre D-4D diesel and a revised 2.0-litre Valvematic petrol with improved fuel economy and CO2 emissions. Both front-wheel and all-wheel drive versions are offered. Active 2.0 D-4D front-wheel drive. On-the-road prices from £23,695.

At the same time Toyota is upgrading equipment specifications across the board and introducing Toyota Safety Sense – a package of integrated active safety and driver assistance features – as an option on all versions of RAV4 beyond the entry-point model.

Toyota is offering customers more choice and improved equipment specifications with a new five-grade line-up that introduces Business Edition Plus trim and changes the flagship designation from Invincible to Excel.

The entry level Active grade features the new 2.0 D-4D diesel engine and comes equipped as standard with a wealth of extra equipment features. These include the Toyota Touch 2 multimedia system with touchscreen, six-speaker audio system with DAB radio, cruise control, sunglasses holder, shark fin antenna and leather steering wheel cover. This is an addition to current items including 17in alloys, LED daytime running lights, air conditioning, rear privacy glass and electric door mirrors.

The RAV4 Business Edition – also powered by the 2.0-litre diesel engine – gains front and rear underruns. Elsewhere it retains its high-value specification, with highlights including Toyota Touch 2 with Go navigation and on-board connectivity system, dual-zone automatic air conditioning, front fog lamps, retractable door mirrors, automatic headlights and wipers, rear-view camera and an auto-dimming rear-view mirror.

The new Business Edition Plus is launched as a hybrid/front-wheel drive-only grade and comes with LED front and rear lights, a power tailgate, keyless entry and push-button start.

Alloy

All three powertrains and front and all-wheel drive options are offered in Icon trim. Key additional features include 18in machined-finish alloy wheels, LED headlamps, combination leather and Alcantara upholstery, electrically-adjustable driver's seat (with power-adjustable lumbar support), heated front seats and an Alcantara dashboard finish. On these models the Toyota Touch 2 system is provided with an optional upgrade to Go status with satellite navigation and connectivity functions.

The Excel models adopt the full Toyota Touch 2 with Go package, plus leather upholstery, roof rails and front and rear parking sensors.

Toyota Safety Sense is available as an option (£695) on all versions of the new RAV4, apart from Active grade. The package of integrated active safety and driver assistance includes a radar-controlled Pre-Collision System that can detect both vehicles and pedestrians on the road ahead. This works in conjunction with a pre-collision brake and brake assist to alert the driver to the imminent risk of a collision, prepare the brakes to deliver extra stopping power and, if the driver fails to react, to initiate braking autonomously.

The same radar unit also equips RAV4 with adaptive cruise control, which helps the driver maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front. Other features include road sign assist, which recognises principal motorway and major route signs and repeats on the TFT screen in the driver's instrument binnacle.

Camera sensors monitor the white lines of motorways and major dual carriageways to provide a lane departure alert, warning the driver if the vehicle strays out of its lane without the turn indicators being used. The same system also provides a new sway warning, detecting from irregular vehicle movements that the driver may be becoming drowsy. If it believes the driver's attention is becoming potentially unsafe, it will flash up a sway warning alert on the TFT screen with a coffee cup image, recommending the driver takes a break from the wheel.

Toyota Safety Sense is completed by automatic high beam, which maximises full-beam headlight operation. The system detects oncoming traffic and vehicles ahead and automatically dips the lights, returning them to full beam as soon as the road ahead is clear. This function can be switched off if the driver prefers to operate the lights manually at any time.

Two new exterior colours are available for RAV4: Blue Crush and Barcelona Red. Cabin trims are unchanged.

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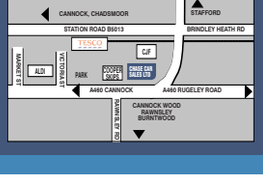

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No flies on this Spider

By Ian Donaldson

I BROKE the most valuable Skoda in the world (it's insured for £250,000) before it had moved a single inch. Talk about feeling a proper idiot.

Still, at least I'd managed to sit in the cockpit of the car; a gorgeous looking open two-seater designed more for racing lightness than six-footers with size 12 feet.

And, while a pair of cheerful mechanics worked away under the bonnet to reattach the throttle cable dislodged by an over-enthusiastic right foot prod, I had time to glance over this miniature masterpiece, from a chassis made of masses of tubes to a skimpy body looking like a 1950's schoolboy doodle of the perfect racing car.

For anyone who thinks Skoda has only ever made road cars with an emphasis on value, here is evidence that deep in the psyche of the Czech company once burned a desire to win on the track.

So, back in 1957 it unleashed a couple of fibreglass-bodied roadsters in a racing programme that took them to modest successes on the other side of what was then a very heavy Iron Curtain.

One remaining Spider in running condition (and fresh from a £30,000 engine rebuild in the UK, where it now lives) is being used to punch home the message that Skoda has been around a long time, in one form or another.

Since 1895, to be precise, when a couple of keen cyclists began designing and building two-wheelers called Slavias, adding motors four years later and becoming Laurin and Klement (their surnames).

The first car appeared in the early 1900s and then, in a merger in 1925, Skoda arrived.

Older readers will recall model names like Felicia and Favorit, attached to machines that lacked the panache of Western rivals, but were cheap to buy and run, and tough with it.

Then, in 1991 Skoda became the fourth brand in the Volkswagen group and it began quickly to lose the budget tag, replaced with cars that happily pinched bits from dearer VWs to produce machines that were now properly modern and good value.

But back to the Skoda Spider, now mended and revving its little 1,098cc engine in prospect of a visit to the modest race track provided for us at Bicester Heritage, carved from 348 acres of a former 1920's RAF bomber station.

Now, if barely a litre sounds puny, it's worth pointing out that the engine bears little relation to anything you would have found in a roadgoing Skoda of the time – as its 92 horsepower output and the Spider's 125mph top speed testify.

It's also light; at 550 kilos much less than the weight of a Harley Davidson motorbike with chunky rider aboard.

So, the car will fly if provoked. Which, with rain falling in enthusiastic amounts and the track awash, I was not keen to do. Especially as my spectacles lacked windscreen wipers and my big feet found it easier to operate two pedals at once rather than one.

Oh, and however hard you pressed the middle pedal, the drum brakes stayed asleep, only deigning to flicker an eyebrow of interest as your right thigh began to quiver with the effort of application.

It did make lovely noises, though, as I crunched up and down the gears (housed in a gearbox between the rear wheels) and persuaded the rev counter to flicker round to a figure that gave a gentle taste of the Spider's potential.

The steering was a positive delight, with the thin, string-wrapped wheel feeding back an accurate description of the tarmac below.

Which must have been welcome when the Spider was used in anger more than half a century ago. No seatbelts, of course.

No roll cage, no bodywork (to speak of) and almost no brakes.

Miroslav Fousek and Jaroslav Bobek, the two men who took the pair of Spiders to a one-two in Leningrad in 1962, I salute you.

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Upgrades for Volvo's XC90

Volvo Car UK is enhancing the performance of its award-winning XC90 with a series of Polestar-developed upgrades. This is the first time that Polestar, Volvo's performance brand, has focused its attention on the new seven-seat SUV.

Known as Polestar Performance Optimisation, the upgrades improve the power and torque figures of both the D5 diesel and T6 petrol Drive-E engines, particularly at medium revs where it's most effective.

They also make the accelerator responses even quicker, and alter the settings of the automatic gearbox to provide faster gearchanges and prevent gearshifts during rapid cornering, which could unsettle the car. These quicker and more precise responses to driver commands not only make the driving experience more dynamic, they ensure the car responds predictably during high-speed driving.

The upgrades have been developed and designed by the engineers of Polestar and the racing drivers of Polestar Cyan Racing, the official motorsport partner to Polestar.

Thed Björk, reigning Scandinavian Touring Car Championship (STCC) champion and Polestar Cyan Racing driver, said: "The new Polestar optimisation is about making the car more dynamic and responsive to drive.

"We use the same philosophy as when optimising our race cars, to create a completely balanced package. And this is exactly what we have focussed on with the new-generation optimisations for Volvo cars: powertrain optimisation for real-life driving."

Increased

The maximum output of the D5 Drive-E engine is increased to 233 hp and 500 Nm of torque (up from 225 hp and 470 Nm), while the T6 Drive-E is boosted to 334 hp and 440 Nm (from 320 hp and 400 Nm).

Polestar Performance Optimisations have also been released for the D4 diesel and T5 petrol Drive-E engines in other Volvo models. Like the upgrades to the D5 and T6 engines in the XC90, the aim is to boost medium-rev performance and to make the car's entire drivetrain react more quickly and accurately to driver commands.

With the Polestar Performance Optimisation, the D4 Drive-E offers 200 hp and 440 Nm (up from 190 hp and 400 Nm), while the output of the T5 Drive-E is raised to 253 hp and 400 Nm (from 245 hp and 350 Nm).

The D4 Drive-E upgrades are available in the S60, V40, V40 Cross Country, V60 and XC60, and the T5 Drive-E enhancements are offered in the V40 and V40 Cross Country.

The price of the D4, D5*, T5 and T6 Polestar upgrades is £835, including VAT and fitting.

The work can be carried out at any authorised Volvo dealer, and should take about 30 minutes to complete.

Nick Connor, managing director of Volvo Car UK, said: "These new Polestar Performance Optimisations make our cars and Drive-E engines even more dynamic and desirable.

"The combination of increased power and torque – especially at medium revs – and the changes to make the entire drivetrain more responsive ensure that owners will really feel the difference these optimisations make."

Finally, until the end of December 2015, all model-year 2005 to model-year 2015 all-wheel-drive Volvos can be upgraded with the Polestar Performance Optimisation at the discounted price of £620, saving £215.

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DRIVETIME

Is it time to go full winter yet?

As summer is now behind us, should you be thinking about winter tyres, and when is the best time to switch?

With forecasters predicting the worst winter weather in a long time, many drivers are thinking about fitting cold weather tyres to their cars. Should they and, if so, when is the right time to make the change?

First things first: what are winter tyres? They are tyres designed specifically for use in colder temperatures. They are not snow tyres, which have a much more aggressive tread pattern and are for use on 4x4 off-roaders. Winter tyres are made from rubber that allows more movement in the tread pattern than summer tyres, which allows slush and snow to disperse. This design also allows the tyre to warm up more quickly, which helps it provide more grip rather than summer tyres, which remain brittle at temperatures below 7-degrees centigrade.

That temperature is the key to knowing when to switch to winter tyres from your car's usual summer rubber. It's wise to change before the chilly weather sets in so you are not caught out when the first frosty blasts arrive.

This does not mean you need to worry about driving on winter tyres in warmer conditions, as this type of tyre remains fully functional and completely safe at temperatures of up to 20-degrees centigrade. It gives you a lot of leeway in picking when to swap to winter tyres, but late autumn is a good bet before frost and ice starts to appear in the mornings.

Many drivers will worry about the cost of fitting a second set of tyres when their existing ones have plenty of tread and life in them. While buying winter tyres will add to your running costs in the short-term, it won't cost you any more over the ownership period of the car. This is because you will be using one set of tyres in the summer and another set in the winter, so the tyre wear is spread across two sets of tyres.

Aside from the cost issue, there is also safety to consider. If you stick with a set of summer tyres for your car all-year round, you greatly increase the risk of a collision on snowy or icy roads. On summer tyres, it takes the average car 43m to stop from 30mph on snow-covered roads, while a car with winter tyres will pull up in 35m. That's a difference of two car lengths.

In winter, the risk of drivers being involved in a collision, regardless of who causes it, increases six-fold. During the harsh winter of 2010, more than three million drivers were involved in a collision of some type and almost half of all drivers reported being in a near-miss.

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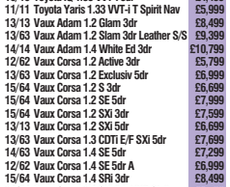

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Marque focused on G57

By Sharon Walters

Ginetta has proven itself as the manufacturer of the fastest LMP3 car in the world. Now the Yorkshire marque turns its attentions to a new-for-2016 car; the Ginetta G57.

With a class first and second in the inaugural European Le Mans Series driver and teams championship, Ginetta has been the dominant force throughout the inaugural LMP3 season, taking a clean sweep of class victories.

A fantastic partnership between Ginetta, the ACO and ELMS throughout the development and delivery of the LMP3 class allowed all parties to make a success of the inaugural season, one which will undoubtedly continue into 2016. With its position as a rising star in sports prototypes cemented, the Yorkshire manufacturer now switches its attention to the ongoing development of the new Ginetta G57.

Designed to increase export of the British brand, which already stands at circa 50 per cent of all sales, the Ginetta G57 represents a cost-effective prototype, eligible for sports car competition across the globe.

Suited

With a view to complement the already established Ginetta formulae, which includes four single-make championships, a number of franchised European series in Italy and Sweden, plus a large presence in the USA with the Ginetta G55, the Ginetta Prototype will be suited to all levels of driver grade, experience and ambition.

Comprising a Chevrolet LS3 engine with 580bhp, the Ginetta G57 will offer a robust drivetrain, providing unrivalled performance with additional power and heightened value for money. In addition, the car will feature an unrestricted aerodynamic package, delivering some of the quickest lap times for cars of this genre.

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Lawrence Tomlinson, chairman of Ginetta explained; "European Le Mans Series provided the perfect platform to further introduce the Ginetta brand to the European marketplace, and we worked closely with the ACO to ensure both the car and the series were a success.

"As a business, we must now continue towards our goal of increasing export, which inevitably means creating a new, and significantly faster, car which is eligible for competition on a number of different global platforms."

Ewan Baldry, Ginetta technical director added; "We've had a great season with ELMS, but Team LNT had only ever planned to contest one full season. For 2016, we will continue to support our customers who remain within the series, but as a manufacturer, our attentions now turn to the Ginetta G57."

The Ginetta Prototype has already been accepted for competition in VdeV and various open sports car championships. Team LNT also claimed a win and a second place in the previous two VdeV events.

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Navara prices are released by Nissan

By Sharon Walters

Nissan has announced full pricing and specifications for the all-new NP300 Navara – the rugged, dependable and capable workhorse with crossover-style comfort and class-leading technology, which will propel the brand back to the top of the pick-up segment.

Available in Nissan showrooms nationwide from January 2016, the new model, which builds on Nissan's 80-year pick-up heritage, will be available in five distinct trim grades – Visia, Acenta, Acenta+, N-Connecta and Tekna – and will be priced from £18,376.

Customers of the all-new NP300 Navara will have the flexibility to tailor their vehicle so that it can meet the requirements of the toughest job or the most demanding of lifestyles. The pick-up can be specified with either a double cab or a king cab and a 190PS twin-turbo or 160PS single turbo version of the new 2.3-litre dCi engine.

There's also a choice of two or four-wheel drive and a six-speed manual or seven-speed automatic transmission.

Many of the new model's advanced safety features – including a number of first-in-class technologies – are incorporated across the range as standard. This includes forward emergency braking on all double cab models; driver, passenger, side, knee and curtain airbags; electronic limited slip differential (eLSD); hill start assist and hill descent control (on 4WD models).

Appealing

Developed with the aim of delivering Nissan crossover-style comfort and refinement to the pick-up sector, even entry-level versions of the NP300 Navara are competitively specified with an appealing array of on-board equipment.

Visia models, for example, feature manual air conditioning (4WD), five-link rear suspension (DC), Bluetooth telephone integration, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, an AUX socket for MP3 connectivity, a USB port, three 12v sockets, automatic headlights with 'follow me home', cruise control and speed limiter (DC).

Step up into the Acenta, and customers will enjoy a number of styling enhancements, including 16in alloy wheels and chrome exterior trim, as well as the Nissan Intelligent Key system with engine start/stop button and a five-inch HD full colour TFT screen.

Acenta+ meanwhile, adds the more powerful 190PS 2.3-litre dCi engine, 18in alloy wheels, automatic air conditioning with dual-zone climate control, rear colour reversing camera (shown in the rear view mirror), side steps, electric folding heated door mirrors and rear privacy glass.

Moving up the range, the new N-Connecta trim grade puts entertainment to the fore, with the addition of the NissanConnect 2.0 7in touchscreen satellite navigation and entertainment system. This incorporates features including DAB digital radio, a rear colour reversing camera, Bluetooth audio streaming, app integration and live traffic updates.

Topping the range, the Tekna – priced from £24,293 – adds Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to give the driver a bird's eye view of the car, as well as rear parking sensors, leather seats with heated front seats, roof rails and LED headlights.

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Colin

Passed away peacefully on Monday, November 16, 2015, aged 72 years.

Much loved and sadly missed by all his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 2.30pm at Lichfield Crematorium.

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BRADLEY

David William

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Pics hold off late surge for the win

Colwyn Bay 1 Rushall 2

RUSHALL Olympic held off a late surge from Colwyn Bay to run out the winners in their battle on the Welsh coast.

A bright start from Rushall saw Kris Taylor's close-range effort blocked.

Then it was the turn of Jack Duggan whose header was easily saved, while Carl Palmer also fired over for the visitors keeping the pressure on within the first couple of minutes of the Evo-Stik Premier clash.

Both goalkeepers made good saves as Shaun Pearson kept out Luke Benbow's attempt and Dean Coleman produced an outstanding fingertip save to keep out Cory Williams.

The scoring was opened by Benbow who put the Pics 1-0 up on 16 minutes when he converted Alex Reid's cross at the back post to cap off a superb Rushall counter attack.

Rushall had chances to extend their lead before half-time but Benbow headed just wide before Taylor skimmed the bar with a curling effort on goal.

Benbow headed against the bar in the second half but Rushall did double their lead on 67 minutes when Reid nicked in, rounded Pearson and slotted home.

Duggan conceded a penalty which allowed John Marsden to halve the deficit with 10 minutes to play but Rushall held on for the win.

Rushall Olympic: Coleman, Wilkinson, Martin, Tolley, Duggan, Caines, Heath (Lavelle-Moore 77), Palmer, Benbow (Howell 77), Taylor, Reid

Subs not used: Delaney, Wright

Pegasus flies along for the win

Pegasus Jrs 4 Wolverhampton SC 2

SPORTING started in dominant fashion and Phillips was soon in the thick of it denying both Westwood and Letford with one-on-one saves.

Letford then burst past the Pegasus back line and hit the post before Quarry should Have made it 1-0 as he fired wide.

Letford was again denied by the woodwork as he saw his header crash back off the crossbar before Phillips made another outstanding save from Westwood.

Sporting then hit the woodwork for a third time as Phillips produced another super stop from Letford but could only parry to Westwood and his effort hit the inside of the post rolled along the goal line hit the inside of the other post and was cleared off the line by the Pegasus defender.

Sporting did get a break though as Quarry was brought down in the area and Westwood coolly converted the spot kick.

Phillips was again called into action with two more comfortable saves from distance as both Letford and Westwood tried their luck.

But Phillips again would not be beaten as he made a double save this time from a Westwood header and then a Cameron volley.

Sporting undid the hard work as five minutes before half time Pegasus' first effort on on goal saw Pearson equalise after Stevens had saved his first effort.

In the second half, Sporting were caught on the break attacking a set piece and a long clearance saw Pearson sprint clear. He rounded Stevens and fired home. Pegasus then scored two goals in two minutes as a poor cross field ball from L Cain was intercepted and Pearson made no mistake to complete his hat-trick.

A minute later a volley from the edge of the area made it 4-1 which left Stevens with no chance.

Sporting weren't finished though as Letford headed home to finally beat a stubborn Phillips at last..

Future is bright for Graham, says Kenny

Wolves boss Kenny Jackett believes debut star Jordan Graham has a 'bright future' at the club – and thinks his team are close to a winning run.

The 20-year-old former Villa youngster was finally given a chance to impress on the left wing as Wolves twice came from behind to draw 2-2 at Ipswich Town.

And he certainly took that chance with a promising debut in gold and black.

Graham recently spent time at League Two side Oxford United, where he deeply impressed U's boss Michael Appleton.

And Jackett will now want Graham to continue where he left off at Portman Road.

"Jordan did well and had a good debut," he said. "Kevin Thelwell's done very well to bring him in.

"He's only just 20. If he keeps his feet on the floor and working hard then the talent he has will show.

"He's one of a number of good young players at the club and he has a bright future."

Wolves face MK Dons next weekend at the start of a run of games that look, on paper, to be winnable.

Jackett's team have won just one of their last seven – but he says they are 'close' to turning their improved performances into results. We are one of the clubs now fighting to stay in touch.

"We want to be up and around those play-off spots, that is our ambition.

"We are a bit off it points-wise at the moment but the gap can be made up. We have to work hard to try to do that.We need to find that consistency."

Ladies come back from early strike

Cannock Ladies 1sts 4 Harborne 2nds 1

CANNOCK got off to the worst possible start at home to Harborne going a goal behind in the first 30 seconds.

Despite dominating the first half, Cannock failed to convert chances and were grateful for Mary Clark's scrambled equaliser seconds before the break.

The second half saw Cannock step up a gear but they had to wait 15 minutes until Nic Martin made it 2-1. A minute later, Player of the Match, Holly Dean made the game safe and Lucy Spencer made it 4-1.

Cannock travel to Matlock on Saturday for their last league match before Christmas.

North Notts Ladies 1sts 2
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Cannock Ladies 3rds 3 Worcester Ladies 0

Cannock gave the ball away easy a few times which led the opposition to get into the D.

The midfield were playing the ball down the sides of the pitch better than most weeks, and moved the ball into the middle to transfer it across when in trouble which worked really well.

Cannock finished the first half 2-0 both goals coming from Jenna Martin.

In the second half the team worked really well. Martin had a great game and did really well up front creating a lot of chances.

Throughout the game Cannock worked well together, which paid off with the finishing score.

Streetly Ladies 0 Cannock Ladies 4ths 2

Cannock started off strong, working, passing and communicating well.

After having most possession and countless attacks Stacey Benton hit the back of the net after a cross from Grace Bennett.

Cannock hit hard after half time and again after most possession of the ball struggled to get it in the back of the net , but after a short corner routine they managed to bag another goal by Georgia Lloyd, leaving the team with their third win of the season,

Cannock 4ths are now only three points behind Tamworth, who they face next week.

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Toffees not so sweet for Villa

Kieran Richardson is given the runaround by Gerard Deulofeu down Villa's left

Everton 4 Villa 0

VILLA slumped to a heavy first defeat under Remi Garde in his second game in charge as braces from Ross Barkley and Romelu Lukaku condemned the Premier League basement boys to a thrashing at Everton.

Barkley put the Toffees ahead in the 17th minute, finishing at the far post when Brad Guzan turned Gerard Deulofeu's effort his way. Lukaku then headed home in the 28th minute, before poor Villa defending allowed Barkley to add another three minutes before half-time.

Lukaku notched his second just before the hour-mark, with Barkley and Deulofeu again involved on an afternoon the young trio truly shone. While Everton boss Roberto Martinez will be delighted to see his team produce another impressive display after the 6-2 thumping of Sunderland last time out at Goodison Park, this was a hugely-concerning spectacle for opposite number Garde, whose side remain five points adrift of safety at the foot of the table.

Everton dominated possession from the off, and it was not long before they broke the deadlock.

Guzan was only able to parry it into the path of Barkley to score.

Ikeme looks likely to be fit after cramps

WOLVES keeper Carl Ikeme is expected to be fit for Saturday's visit of MK Dons despite being nearly forced off with debilitating cramps against Ipswich.

Ikeme played in Swaziland and Nigeria during the international break and it appears the long travelling may have taken its toll.

However, Emiliano Martinez is a doubt as he bids to return from a thigh injury.

Argentine Martinez limped off during the 0-0 home draw with Burnley more than two weeks ago.

Boss Kenny Jackett said of his goalkeepers: "The physios are very reluctant to put a time frame on Emi because they're worried about a recurrence.

"He will be outside working this week and we'll see how he goes."

Clubs must pay for Henry, warns Smith

BOSS Dean Smith has confirmed only a huge offer would tempt Walsall to part with Rico Henry.

The teenage starlet is believed to be interesting the likes of Manchester City, Arsenal, Liverpool and Tottenham.

But Smith revealed only a substantial offer will see the England Under-19s defender leave the Banks's.

"It's going to take a hell of a lot of money to take Rico away from this football club," Smith said.

"Every player has a price don't they? We all know that.

"But it would take a very big offer and I'm not sure he'd want to go at the moment as well.

"Despite all the clubs linked, nobody has approached the football club."

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Hard work is Villa's only hope, says Garde

ONLY hard work can offer Villa any hope of keeping their top-flight status, according to Villa boss Remi Garde.

The Frenchman saw his Villa side dismantled by Everton in a demoralising defeat on Saturday – two weeks after hopes had been raised by a battling draw against Manchester City.

But he insists his squad possess enough quality to win their unlikely fight for Premier League survival.

"I still think we have qualities in this team – and in the next game we have to show this," he said.

"There are a lot of games to play. We will fight for every point – and we will continue that against Watford this next weekend.

"We have to carry on working hard. I said that to the players because nothing is finished, nothing is done."

Garde added: "In the first half, it wasn't a question of spirit – maybe we were too light, we didn't win enough duels.

"The key for us is to work hard all together."

The boss was backed up by his skipper Micah Richards who added: "You have to keep your head held high.

"I am positive we can get out of this. We have to keep working hard.

"There are plenty more games to come. The manager has just come in and he is putting his philosophy across. We are still learning."

He added: "We won't be too down on ourselves. We have to look forward."

Beating Gunners give Baggies boost

ALBION defender Chris Brunt says Saturday's victory over Arsenal has taken the pressure off the club.

The Baggies are halfway through a daunting run of six games against Leicester, Man United, Arsenal, West Ham, Spurs and Liverpool.

Five of those teams are in current top six and the other match is a trip to Anfield, but Brunt isn't worried about playing the big teams.

"We've got a lot of tough games coming up over the next three or four weeks and that maybe takes a little bit of pressure off you if you've got a result in one of them," said Brunt. "On our day we're capable of beating anybody, hopefully that can be the start of a bit of a run. We started well after the last international break so hopefully we can go to West Ham next week and get a result."

Albion have now won three of their last five games and the two that were lost were against the current top two. Saturday's victory means Tony Pulis' side have now beaten Man United, Chelsea, and Arsenal in the last six months.

Brunt had an eventful game. After Olivier Giroud nodded Arsenal in front it was the left-back's floated free-kick which James Morrison guided over Petr Cech for the equaliser.

It was also his push on Alexis Sanchez which gave away the penalty eight minutes from time.

He picked up his fifth yellow card of the season for the challenge and will miss this Sunday's game at Upton Park.

"I think we were a little disappointed with the goal in the first half because we started the game reasonably well and conceded the goal from a set play," said Brunt.

"We pride ourselves on how well we defend them and how well we do them attacking wise.

"But credit to the lads we dug in and played pretty well in the first half. When we were on the break we created some good chances.

"It was nice to go in at half-time 2-1 up and then we ground out a result."

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Scholars open up finishing school

Chasetown 3 Newcastle Town 0

CHASETOWN grabbed the points in Evo-Stik Division One South in a match where one team finished chances and the other didn't.

An end to end first half saw opportunities aplenty with the visitors ruing a number of misses but the Scholars winning the day by taking the opportunities as they presented themselves throughout the game.

Castle keeper Dave Parton made an early save from Paul Sullivan but it was the visitors who should have taken the lead when John Bateman made a stunning save to deny Ben Mills to keep the scoreboard out of work.

After 22 minutes the deadlock was finally broken after Danny Edwards' pass was flicked forward by Sullivan and midfielder James Dance dinked the ball over Parton and into the net to get Chasetown's win under way.

Next to chance his targeting skills was Harry Clayton who blazed high over the bar from close range before Tim Sanders was a whisker wide as Newcastle created chances.

Interval

The Scholars almost managed to pinched a second goal just before the interval with a Ryan Wynter header frustratingly and narrowly off target.

Chasetown came out for the second half champing at the bit and doubled their lead straight after the break as Stan Mugisha fired into the roof of the net from what was a pretty tight angle.

Michael Williams. who was playing at right-back, was involved in several attacking moves and would have thoroughly merited a goal but his long-range effort ended going narrowly over the bar with Parton well beaten.

Midway through the second half, Jono Gould shot beyond Parton but James Askey hacked the ball off the line and saved what could have been another goal.

Sullivan added a third goal in the 83rd minute to round off an emphatic second half for the hosts with a stunning effort from the edge of the area that made no mistake of hitting its target.

Chasetown's assistant manager could not praise his players enough after their win over Newcastle.

Ryan Wynter putting up a challenge during the clash with Newcastle Town

Cameron Stuart could not hide his delight after the Scholars recorded only their second league win of the season at home.

The score was the exact opposite of the Scholars' exit from the Staffordshire Senior Cup to local rivals Hednesford.

Despite the loss boss Dave Stringer said there were plenty of positives. Stringer praised his players performance believing the scoreline did not reflect how the game progressed. He said "I thought we played exceptionally well, especially First half.

"We passed it better than them and created more chances".

"Luck is just not with us at the moment though".

Chasetown: Bateman, Williams, Edwards, Thompson, Francis, Brown, Mugisha, Dance, Wynter (Robinson, 90+1 mins), Sullivan (Turton, 85 mins), Gould. Subs not used: Slater, Haynes, Kiembi.

Hayes has to fight to get all the points

MFL Div one

Stafford Town 0 Heath Hayes 1

HEATH Hayes came back from Stafford with three hard-earned points after the local derby saw them in a battle to win.

Stafford pressed in the early stages which saw Mark Wiggins in the Hayes goal make a good save low down following a shot from Daniel Jones.

With both sides playing open entertaining football the chances were coming at both ends of the pitch and eventually it was Hayes who opened the scoring on 20 minutes.

Joe Pickering bought down a pass from Dan Scragg to beat Stafford's keeper Dale Reaney.

The second half continued where the first left off with both sides giving good acounts and Hayes forcing two last ditch goal line clearances.

Special day of Davis Cup events at club

CHESLYN Hay are holding a special Davis Cup Tennis Festival on Saturday.

This is to celebrate the historic Davis Cup tie between Belgium and Great Britain in Ghent with GB aiming to win the Davis Cup for the first time since 1936.

During the festival there will be an Under-11 Davis Cup-style team competition for all abilities from 10 to11am. Family tennis session from 11am to midday and teenager and adult Davis Cup-style competition from 11am to12:30pm.

There will also be other promotions of reduced 2016 membership at Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club and special junior offers for the first 40 participants. To sign up go to http://tiny.cc/daviscup2015 or contact cheslynhaytennis@live.com or phone 07969 829318.

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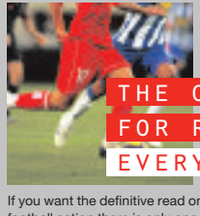

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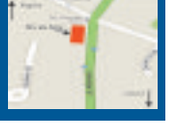

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AWOL striker Bright is back in training

AWOL striker Bright Enobakhare has ended his self-imposed absence from Wolves and will return to training this week.

The teenager had failed to get in contact with the club for almost a week.

Boss Kenny Jackett admitted earlier on Monday that no-one knew where the 17-year-old was – amid fears he had fled to his native Nigeria.

But Wolves finally made contact with him yesterday afternoon, and officials met with Enobakhare, who agreed to return to training. He was last at Compton Park on November 11. Wolves spoke to Enobakhare on the phone last week and were given the impression he was set to return to Africa.

It had been claimed Enobakhare turned up late for training and took umbrage to being fined, leading to his absence, although Wolves denied this.

Any disciplinary action for his prolonged absence is not being made public.

In a statement, Wolves said that while Enobakhare had initially been granted a few days of compassionate leave, the club had since been expecting him to return to Compton Park.

Statement

"The 17-year-old youngster had been absent for almost two weeks due to a family issue, but has remained in the local area," the statement continued. "Wolves now consider the matter to be closed, and ongoing support and discussion with Enobakhare will remain confidential."

Jackett said ahead of Enobakhare being found: "From my own point of view, I have sympathy. To be 17 and in this country with little parental support, it's very tough.

"It is an unusual situation. But then I don't think I've had many 17-year-olds in my first-team squad that have only

Scragg is the real four-ce for Hayes in derby goalfest

Pelsall 3 Heath Hayes 4

WHAT a game this local derby turned out to be with seven goals between the teams.

Heath Hayes' Dan Scragg turned out to be the hero the hour knocking all four of their goals during a game which saw Pelsall far from lying down.

Hayes took the lead after only a minute when Scragg beat the Pelsall keeper from 30 yards.

On 20 minutes he was there again to notch his second.

Pelsall then missed a great opportunity when they had a penalty but they hit the bar.

The second half saw pelsall pull the game level only for Scragg to complete his hat-trick with a free kick into the top corner of the Pelsall goal.

He then had the easiest task of his whole game getting his fourth from close range.

Not to be denied Pelsall came back to grab a third in the last minute but it was just too late.

All in all this local derby was a great advert for grass roots football.

Single goal enough to sink the Blues

Blues 0 Charlton 1

Football

CHARLTON eased their way out of the Sky Bet Championship relegation zone with an excellent if unexpected 1-0 win over Blues.

Captain Johnnie Jackson scored the only goal of the game just after the hour-mark as Charlton made it back-to-back victories with their first away triumph of the season.

Blues surprisingly slumped to their fourth home defeat of the campaign and at no time did they look like repeating their 5-2 mauling of Fulham in their last outing.

It was significant that Blues were forced to draft in Nicolai Brock-Madsen for his first start because Clayton Donaldson was unavailable with a groin strain following his goalscoring exploits for Jamaica against Haiti in midweek.

They certainly lacked his goalscoring potential as Charlton, looking to build on their 3-1 win over Sheffield Wednesday, produced some promising play in the early stages to give Blues an early warning of a shock result.

Generally the home side had the upper hand for long spells but they could not capitalise on their superiority against a dogged Charlton side who are slowly regaining their confidence.

Jacques Maghoma posed the first threat for Blues with a powerful low drive which was effortlessly scooped up visiting goalkeeper Stephen Henderson.

Blues attempted to swamp Charlton in the second period with Demarai Gray forcing a superb save from Henderson.

The best chance of the game fell to Maghoma, only for the former Burton player to drill his effort just wide of the far post.

It was Lookman who created the breakthrough for Charlton in the 61st minute.

PITMEN HAVE TO TAKE DRAW

Bradford PA 1 Hednesford 1

HEDNESFORD Town had to settle for a point from their trip to Bradford Park Avenue, despite having the lead in the game for over 75 minutes.

On a bitterly cold afternoon at the Horsfall Stadium, it was the visitors who were quickest out of the blocks and they took the lead in just the third minute.

A good spell of Hednesford pressure saw the ball played wide to Tom James whose pinpoint delivery was headed sweetly home by Adam Thomas.

The Hednesford midfield had started brightly, with a debut for new signing Jack Dyer and with Sean Williams and Andy Todd looking to get the ball forward at every opportunity.

Thomas meanwhile was working hard on the right side of the park to contain the Bradford winger, Jason St Juste, who was not showing too many adverse effects from the icy weather, having just returned from international duty in the Caribbean for St Kitts and Nevis. Indeed St Juste came close with a couple of testing crosses during a busy first half.

Flighted

However, it was not until the 38th minute that Town goalkeeper Dan Crane was called into action when a well flighted free-kick from James Walshaw was tipped over the crossbar by the shot stopper.

As half-time approached the Pitmen almost extended their lead when a quick breakaway by Danico Johnson saw him play in Ahmed Obeng but the diminutive striker had gone a little early and was ruled offside.

The home side came out with more purpose in the second half and an early corner was headed wide by Billy Priestly when a goal looked more likely, this was quickly followed by an excellent double save by Crane as he blocked two shots with his legs.

Hednesford continued to defend well as a team and counter attacking whenever an opportunity arose, with Thomas seeing an effort saved and Ben Bailey heading over the bar when well placed.

Ahmed Obeng takes on the Bradford defence during the away match

In the 69th minute Ahmed Obeng looked to be pulled down in the penalty area, when through on goal but the referee waved away the appeals for a penalty. While shortly afterwards, Todd put over a superb left-foot cross to substitute Kyle Perry but the striker could only direct his header over the bar.

In the 79th minute Bradford drew level though as after an initial corner was cleared it fell nicely to St Juste who was on hand to control and fire a left-footed shot past Crane into the bottom corner.

The Pitmen came close to winning it in the final minutes with a Sean Williams effort going inches wide and another penalty appeal, while at the other end a fierce Walshaw's free-kick was blocked by the wall and the follow up shot well saved by Crane.

Bradford Park Avenue: Stewart, Pursehouse (Scott 46), St Juste, Price, Qualter, Priestly, Marshall, Turner, McDonald (King 77), Marshall (Chilaka 65), J Walshaw. Subs not used: Mather, Schofield.

Hednesford Town: Crane, T Williams, James, Bailey, Regan, Dyer (Trainer 85), Williams, Thomas, Johnson (Perry 60), Obeng, Todd. Subs not used: Disney, Digie, Ennis.

Burntwood get let off in last kick

Burntwood 24 Edwardians 22

BURNTWOOD survived an Edwardians' penalty goal attempt with the last kick of the game to make it back to back wins.

Despite an error-strewn first half the hosts led 14-12.

They stretched this lead to nine points with 10 minutes left but in the end they were thankful that the Eds' kickable goal attempt slid right off the target.

The first period followed a familiar pattern for Burntwood as they had to play catch-up rugby having conceded early points to the opposition.

Ben Holt's side pressed from the kick off but when Eds cleared down field the ball bounced kindly for their chasing players.

Two passes later and the left winger outstripped the cover for a try in the left corner.

After half an hour of a frustrating play for the home camp, Edwardians moved further ahead.

A close range penalty award was tapped and a neat slip pass created a try under the posts to make the conversion a formality.

Burntwood were now in need of an urgent reply and it came just a minute later.

Replacements Neil Holden and Daryll Organ made instant impacts, thelatter by stretching over for a try. Dunet converted.

Scrum half Brett Taylor then darted over in the clubhouse corner. Dunet added a superb conversion.

Burntwood regained the lead from the restart when Dunet slotted away a penalty.

Seedhouse scored as the visitors ran out of defenders. Dunet converted.

After a reset the Eds No.8 barged over for a converted try.

Wood facing high flyers Alvechurch

BROCTON have been rewarded for reaching the third round of the FA Vase with a mouth-watering clash at Hereford FC's Edgar Street.

The Badgers, struggling in 20th place in the Midland League Premier Division, reached it with a 3-2 win at Coventry Sphinx on Saturday.

Hereford are top of Brocton's division and are on a run of 19 straight wins in all competitions.

Elsewhere, Walsall Wood were handed a tricky tie at home to high-flying Premier outfit Alvechurch. Wood's opposition sit third in the league and have only lost twice this season.

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